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CHAPTER I.

"Mates," [illegible] said [illegible] and [illegible] our two [illegible] at [illegible] between [illegible] first of the fire [illegible] light [illegible] there [illegible] good [illegible] king, [illegible] was [illegible] bred [illegible] tell you on [illegible] tell [illegible] in walls of room and the [illegible] blow it goes."

It was a rough night outside [illegible] bad and [illegible] the Ship and Fair Wind [illegible] we were all sitting at Portsmouth [illegible] of the summer [illegible] of the King's Head—[illegible] of his present gracious majesty King George III—God bless him—[illegible] and we certainly were all most comfortable round the fire. Two man-o'-war's men [illegible] and somewhat content [illegible] called them and two [illegible] of the same [illegible] were [illegible] drinking [illegible] punch between them. He who had spoken was alone [illegible] drinking hot rum—two or three other Jack Tars of the trading service were drinking hot gin and water and all were smoking.

I [illegible] was neither drinking nor smoking, for in truth I was [illegible] nothing [illegible] a beardless boy [illegible] who [illegible] mother—[illegible] rest her soul—[illegible] and sometimes [illegible] in the parlor of the inn and hear the stories [illegible] the seafarers who [illegible] our house [illegible] of the Ship and Fair Wind. And perhaps it was [illegible] my father had been [illegible] away [illegible] besides that I had always [illegible] very great [illegible] that [illegible] ocean [illegible] tell and hoped myself [illegible] only [illegible] there [illegible] me to sit in the room and [illegible] them [illegible] always [illegible] much—[illegible] my father [illegible] and [illegible] little [illegible] land and [illegible] countries [illegible] savage beasts [illegible] out of [illegible] Lord [illegible] great [illegible] But this [illegible]

"[illegible] listen most attentive [illegible] few seas as King George—[illegible] God bless him—[illegible] you have the [illegible] such an adventure [illegible] this here which I'm a going to tell."

[illegible] the king's [illegible] at this remark [illegible] last I think they [illegible] the trading [illegible] are the real [illegible] distant seas and [illegible] and lands and [illegible] went [illegible] had [illegible] end of his life and [illegible] great [illegible] with [illegible] now as I write this down a man and the captain of my own ship trading between the port of London and the Indies—[illegible] not his least [illegible] bound [illegible]

"It was [illegible] 15 [illegible]" he now proceeded to tell [illegible] as I afterward [illegible] the very [illegible] old King George I—whose memory I drink—died that we was a making for Cambodia in the gulf of Siam where we was trading for rice [illegible] a bit of trading for rice in exchange for the English goods and stuff we had on board. Our vessel the Loving Friend was a [illegible] of 240 tons burden and we carried 11 guns and 20 men [illegible] the master his wife and his [illegible] being [illegible] We had been out from the port of Bristol [illegible] year and a half a trading in and out during all that time [illegible] with one country the goods what we took in on other but always keeping together many bales of English stuff which we purposed to exchange at the last port at which we meant to trade, which was the port of Cambodia. Well we was a making for the gulf of Siam, or as I should tell you shipmates all, for the China sea, we having come away from New Guinea and the Papuans with whom we'd done a little trading in beads and colored cloths. We was through the Sooloo sea and likewise the Mindoro sea and [illegible] to the land of Palawan a lying north north east and being then in about the latitude of 7 degrees 13 minutes and steering away northeast by east with a good 500 miles of open sea before us. [illegible] good fortune [illegible] the rains [illegible] last in the [illegible] from [illegible] till August was over and the hot air of these here regions was tempered by the gentle wind that was a blowing from the south-west and a taking us easy on our course. By good fortune I say, mates all, for we had lost three on our men by the calenture, two more was down with it and one man had been washed overboard so that the ship was worked short handed and a boon to us it were to get that breeze a blowing up off the tops of the great mountain ridge that runs through the island of Borneo.

"So this way we was six good hands short and the more and more did our skipper thank heaven—for a right God fearing man was he, a Quaker by birth and his grandfather having suffered much at the hands of that cruel and bloody tyrant King James II who possessed no virtue but that he was a bold sailor—that the breeze did day by day hold fair and that so the ship asked not much working.

"But compress all a [illegible] round this good sea coal fire, knowed ye ever the time specially in them seas if so be as how [illegible] far"—and here he cocked a wicked eye upon the king's marines and also on the man-o'-war's man drinking with them—"I say knowed ye ever the time when such good fortune lasted? My lads, all we was as well as we could make it in latitude 10 and 10 minutes or about 120 miles east of Cape Cambodia when all that good fortune with that breeze left us. By sundown the southwest wind was gone and in its place there fell upon us a northern wind sweeping down from Hainan and past the Paracels and making us to beat ship and run before it to any port of Borneo we could reach. And yet it was not long that our course was to be determined for before the morning broke once more the wind had changed again and was a blowing southeast by east off the Malayan coast. And, shipmates, there were such a storm as cut our sails to ribbons—nay, in one event sending our mainsail down the wind as easy as [illegible] silken neckerchief. I [illegible] would go down our [illegible] March wind and we could not even hope that our ship could hold together much longer but [illegible] that she must break to pieces. [illegible] to [illegible] was in much distress, [illegible] our [illegible] was gone and [illegible] boats must be [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] before we could get them off.

"[illegible] Bunce [illegible] the [illegible] out of the line of [illegible]

[illegible] the gunner to five [illegible]

[illegible] the Loving [illegible] So was our [illegible] and what was [illegible] sail [illegible] where it was.

"But as the morning were on the [illegible] began to clear [illegible] however [illegible] for [illegible] the sun [illegible] that the waves [illegible] calmer and the ship not rolling [illegible]

"[illegible] captain [illegible]

[illegible] "two points on [illegible]

[illegible]

"It was [illegible] tree [illegible] English [illegible] a huge trunk [illegible] about the height of nine feet from the ground. The leaves was not [illegible] leaves like [illegible] and looking more like fingers than anything [illegible] and of a [illegible] brown color. And they grew not [illegible] together but very sparse and scant, so that easy could one see the top and the heavens [illegible] through its branches [illegible] of the air [illegible] nothing.

"And now, mates, the sun was high in the heavens and the storm was past and the heat was terrible—so terrible [illegible] at the men who were still aboard the Loving Friend petitioned the captain to be allowed to come ashore and sleep beneath the branches of that tree where they would get air [illegible]. And [illegible] instant [illegible] all on us [illegible] the captain [illegible] and we [illegible] out at full length on the sand [illegible] three [illegible]

"But [illegible] the night there seemed to [illegible]

"While the [illegible] I saw [illegible] a strange [illegible] and [illegible] lying down like to rest, and [illegible] tossing the stones beneath us [illegible] at a wanter one than the [illegible] was some feet away—when [illegible] turns fierce upon me and says, 'What [illegible] touch my hair like that?' and moves off a bit away from [illegible] as though offended like.

"'[illegible] your hair, mate!' says I. 'Why, have I got three arms and hands? I am a chucking stones ain't I?'

"[illegible] for a moment unbe[illegible] like and then he says, 'All the [illegible] touched my hair—lifted it up like. Don't do it no more.'

"Now Collis was the man what had been ashore to fetch the food and rum and I thinks I to myself that when at [illegible] he had taken a drop extra for himself. So I says no more but only laugh. But blow me, shipmates, all in this here room in Portsmouth town if there weren't a echo to that laugh close by into my ear. But it were a kind of gurgling, cruel laugh which didn't sound like mine. At least I [illegible] Then Collis gets up after staring at me again for a moment and says he: 'Bosun, good night, I've changed my humor. I'm a going aboard,' and with that he starts off down the sand to the ship, it being now low tide and I see him a-clambering up the side by the end of a rope chucked him [illegible] watch.

"Well, I was a pondering deep upon that laugh I heard when, bust me if I didn't feel something a dragging of

"I can't [illegible]" "This is how it goes."

my hair up in a kind of manner as when we was boys we dragged a stone up with [illegible]. Then I gives my head [illegible] and so [illegible] to get free of whatever had got hold on it, and I myself moves off a bit. I ain't got none o' them [illegible] what most on them in our calling has, or I should have thought the island was haunted. But that I says to myself could not be. There weren't no ghost up in that tree I could [illegible] very sure, seeing as how I could see every branch of it and [illegible] count every leaf on it in the clear moonlight, and there was nowhere else for a ghost to harbor.

"Then I looks down at the men, thinking [illegible] perhaps some on them was a playing of a trick on us, but they was all asleep—if ever I see men asleep in my life I saw they was all asleep, and so they was a minute before, but even as I looked at them they all with [illegible] springs up, some sitting, some standing, some rubbing their eyes and cursing and swearing, and two on 'em falling to a fighting.

"'Stop this here,' says I, a interposing between the two fighting ones. 'I'll have no fighting here. I'm in command on this island. Stop, I say!'

"'He pulled me up out of my sleep,' says one. 'You're a liar,' says the other. 'You pulled me up.' And another one sits up right straight and says, says he, '[illegible] I feels like death,' and all the others mumbled and muttered to themselves.

"'Mates,' says I to them, 'listen to me. There's something on this island [illegible] right. Whether it's in the air or whether it's in the soil or whether it's in the sea around us I know not. But there is something here as should not be. [illegible] all a sleeping peaceful two minutes ago and nobody pulled none on you, and yet here you all are saying as how some one did do so, and one on you says as how he feels like death.'

"'And so I do,' says the man—Will Winter his name. 'I feel death upon me.'

"'To the fiend with death,' says I. 'Get up and walk about.'

"'I can't,' says he. 'I can't, I can't move.' And he couldn't, friends all. That man was in a kind of paralytic state as the doctors call it, and he could not move.

"'Then,' says I, 'this won't do, men. This here is worse nor the storm. Let's hail the ship.' And with that we hailed her. 'What cheer!' I sings out to the man I could see on the fo'castle. 'What cheer, shipmate?' And he sings back, 'All's well aboard. What cheer, shipmate, ashore?'

"'Bad,' answered I. 'We think this land is infected. Tell the captain Will Winter says he's a dying.' Well, with that we hears voices on the ship and see a light moving and then the captain hails us. 'What's this I hear, Bosun?' he calls to me.

"'Will Winter took with sickness, skipper,' I replies, 'and I think we are all going mad, captain. We can feel something as we can't see a catching hold on us and a dragging of us.'

"'Come aboard,' hallooes back the answer, 'all on you at once.' But here was a difficulty. We others could all have clambered up the ship's side—all on us excepting Will Winter. But as for him he couldn't move, and there weren't no moving of him—and natural and sailorlike we weren't a going to have him there—the more so as there was no doubt that he was like to die. You could see it in his face, friends, as he lay there under the tree—mates, you could see it in the horror of his eyes!

"However, I sends all the others down to the ship and I halloes off to the captain, telling him that all my men was coming on board excepting only Will Winter who couldn't move, and myself, who was a going to stand by with him and help him. And of this the captain approved.

"So off they goes to the ship and right [illegible] they was to do it and [illegible] the Loving Friend weren't a lying more nor two cables or two cables and a half's length from the shore, I felt a bit lonesome and creepylike as I recollected that here was I on a island about which there was something most certainly strange and with a man marked [illegible] for death alongside of me. However I tried to dismiss them thoughts from my mind and to see what I could do for Will. He, poor man, was now a lying flat on his back, with his eyes staring up to the stars through the branches of the tree and with his hands a [illegible] convulsivelike and he was a [illegible] something of which I could catch no words, or only the word '[illegible].' But what he was talking about, or what he wanted to say, I have never known.

"'What is it, shipmate?' I said, [illegible] over him and moistening his [illegible] some rum and water. 'What cheer? What can I do for you?' But he give no answer, as I could understand, so I made him as comfortable as I could and then I lay down near him but away from him a bit and nearer the [illegible] something [illegible] to [illegible] him and [illegible] as to whether he would live till morning. I commended him and myself to God—as all [illegible] right feeling [illegible] should do—and so I fell asleep.

"I fell asleep I say, but oh, friends all, what a sleep it was! At first I dreamed that I was dead and then that Will Winter was a calling to me and that I was struggling to wake up and help him but that something held me to the earth and that all the time the leaves in the great tree were rustling and shaking with the wind [illegible] in my waking moment I had not seen them do) and that those [illegible] leaves was opening and shutting and clenching as a cat opens and clenches her paw, and that all the while I could hear that awful hollow laugh that I had heard in the [illegible] and that all through this I could and did still hear Will Winter yelling and screaming for help and calling on his Maker—and that, strive as I might, I could not awake nor stretch out a hand to help him. But awake at last I did, by the halloos of many voices in my ears and by rough hands shaking me and springing up into a sitting posture I saw that the day [illegible] had come, that the sun [illegible] up above the sea and that half the crew of the Loving Friend had come ashore, also the captain—and [illegible] all [illegible] round me.

"'What does this mean, Bosun?' the skipper asked [illegible] down [illegible] me as I sat there, 'and [illegible] keep watch [illegible]?'

"'Keep watch [illegible]' says I. 'Why, I did [illegible] him and—and—is he dead?'

"'Dead!' [illegible] 'Nay, that I know not [illegible] gone.'

"'Gone!' I says, jumping [illegible] and gazing at the spot where but a few hours [illegible] I left him lying [illegible] helpless. 'Why, where is he [illegible]?'

"'That we wish to know. Have you no conception yourself?'

"'Conception,' I answers. 'No, none. And indeed it seems impossible that he should have gone by himself.'

"'Yet it is so.'

"And then friends all round this here [illegible] we gazed [illegible] that small island, we [illegible] out [illegible] and east and west [illegible] but [illegible] that it was an awful [illegible] disaster [illegible] into the tree and saw [illegible] the branches and the [illegible] leaves and the sky [illegible]

"But [illegible] still [illegible] something fall [illegible] of the [illegible] the shoulder of the captain [illegible] a worming.

"And dazed with [illegible] that [illegible] shrunk [illegible] fully away.

"[illegible] that had fallen on the captain's shoulder was a drop of blood."

CHAPTER II.

By the time that the bosun had reached this part of his narrative we were all—as you may understand—much roused to curiosity. The marines and the man-o'-war's man had even let their drink get cold in the bowls while they listened to the story he was telling in rude language but certainly most graphically. The privateer's men were regarding him with a look of admiration as though proud of one who was of their own class of sailor, and as for me, I was staring at him more [illegible] than ever, and the work in the kitchen [illegible] for the night [illegible] in their [illegible] opened the little window through which the dishes were handed from that place to the other part [illegible] food in the parlor, and was herself listening with all ears to the seafarer's story and behind her could be seen the red [illegible] of Belinda our kitchen wench—who was peeping over my mother's shoulder with wide staring eyes.

Again he took a great draft of his rum, which by this time was cold, as was the punch in the bowl, and again he lit his pipe and smoked a few whiffs of it so silently and as though thinking deeply, and then when he saw that we were all awaiting most eagerly the continuation of his story he began again.

"Mates all, and you too mistress," with a duck of his head to my mother as he resumed, "you may well believe that that there drop of blood a falling from the tree nearly froze all the blood in our own veins with horror. For how could we [illegible] how he who [illegible] so mysteriously disappeared should have left his [illegible] that it was his—up in that tree. For first of all as we debated among ourselves he was not a wounded man but one who was sick, and sick as I thought of the [illegible] so that why he should bleed we knew not. And secondly he had been so all [illegible] and prostrated that he could not rise from the ground, so how could it have come about that he could ever have got up into that tree whose lowest branch was a good eight feet from the earth? And thirdly, even allowing that he could have got there, what had become of him, for that he was up in the tree there could be no possibility? We could see up into it and through it, and most certainly he was not there. So again we asked ourselves, 'Where was he?'

"'We are in God's hands,' our skipper said, 'and he alone directs our course. And in his goodness he has seen fit to land us upon this terrible island. We must bow to him.'

"'But captain,' says our mate, 'what is to be done? Since he is not there he must be somewhere, unless it be that he has cast himself into the sea.'

"'He had no strength for that,' I said. 'Last night he could neither move hand nor foot.'

"'Yet,' says the mate, 'he could get up there,' and he pointed to the branch of the tree off which the blood had dropped. Meanwhile our captain had been examining of that tree most careful and was a scratching at the bark on its trunk and as he scratched forth from it there oozed a dark red liquid that itself looked like blood, but was a little paler looking, indeed more like blood mixed with water.

"And now upon the captain's face there come a look of relief, and 'Men,' says he, 'this here ain't quite as terrible as we thought. That weren't no blood of poor Will Winter's what dropped upon my shoulder but only the sap what this strange tree exudes. Look here!' and with that he rubs his finger on the moisture and shows it to us, and sure enough it was the sap of the tree itself, but red as blood.

"'All the same it do look like blood,' says one on us. But now the captain—because, maybe, he would not give in to no superstitions nor yet encourage them in his men—laughed at their ideas.

"'Why, men,' he says, 'have you never [illegible] or abroad plants and trees what [illegible] a liquid in them like [illegible]? What [illegible] of the columbine of the Americas [illegible] the [illegible] of our own dear land [illegible] nothing of the continent [illegible] unworthy of Brit[illegible]

Yet all [illegible] laugh at and him [illegible] there was many of that ship's crew who did believe most solemnly that the blood from that tree was in some way or other connected with the disappearance of poor Will.

But mates all, there was summat [illegible] do [illegible] stand a gaping up into the tree [illegible] talking about it. A search party must be made to go around the island to see if by any chance he could be on it, though it weren't no ways likely that he was, and afterwards they was to take one of the boats and row round it to see if by any other chance he was floating in the water or under the water into which one could see deep, for it was as clear as a trout stream at home, and also there was the [illegible] to [illegible] found and caulked or the Loving Friend to be somewhat repaired.

"So to work we all set, some on us over the island, where we found naught [illegible] so much as a [illegible] mark which might have showed which way Will had gone, [illegible] round the island in a boat [illegible] the [illegible] through the [illegible] water and [illegible] us working on the ship. And in this way the day passed and the second night come on us again.

"But [illegible] all the day [illegible] our discussions [illegible] what [illegible] have happened to Will [illegible] the coming night, for all [illegible] had come to the certainty that that tree was in some way answerable for his disappearance. How it was so answerable [illegible] but we felt it as [illegible] answerable [illegible] for the [illegible] who had seized on him [illegible] now we was full certain that it was not the calenture he suffered from [illegible] for the night was [illegible]

"[illegible] hands must remain [illegible] and to stand [illegible] the night [illegible] over to [illegible] not [illegible] for this.

"So [illegible] staying on the island taking turn and turn about at sleeping and watching [illegible] the tree. [illegible] mates all that [illegible] Will Winter had [illegible] a few [illegible] knowed that [illegible] that Will had disappeared [illegible] at all [illegible] and how it happened [illegible]

"The first watch was the mate, the captain [illegible] the ship [illegible] and six [illegible] The second watch was [illegible] and the men six while the first was [illegible] four [illegible] naturally [illegible] watch.

"Well, [illegible] that night with a prayer [illegible] captain [illegible] shore to stay at [illegible] all [illegible] lying down and [illegible] his pistol for light [illegible] and darkness [illegible] And then the first watch [illegible] each man having a musket loaded with slugs—but what there was to fire on no one knowed, though all felt there was danger in the air—and soon we others was all asleep.

"That sleep was unbroken, and when we was awakened to take our turn we thought [illegible] was going to be a [illegible] of last night's alarms. But [illegible] hopes was soon to be disappointed.

"The night which turned cold—as in these latitudes it often [illegible] sometimes sinking as much as 10 degrees from the heat of the day—[illegible] as we were glad to walk up and down a matter of [illegible] to keep ourselves warm. The moon [illegible] which was at her full [illegible] like a ball of [illegible] sail [illegible] the sky.

"Now as [illegible] Harris and I who was walking [illegible] and with our muskets [illegible] shoulders looking more like two [illegible] than two [illegible] passed under that tree [illegible] strange sight. One of the branches which was standing straight out from the trunk at about [illegible] height of eight feet was opening [illegible] apart for all the world [illegible] an overripe pea pod [illegible] in a garden and show all the row of peas within it, or as sometimes a horse chestnut shell will open and show you the nut shining bright within it. But when this here branch opened it let fall with a splash a great blob of what the skipper had called sap, but what we [illegible] think was more like [illegible] this peculiar thing which I [illegible] at the moment struck me as a thing [illegible] very terrible, though [illegible] face was blanched with fear, he [illegible] as though he would up with his gun and fire at that branch, but I put my hand on his arm and checked him.

"'Stop,' says I, 'there may be more curiosities to be seen. Let's wait and see.' Mates, there was more to be seen, as I will tell you.

"When that blob of what I called blood had fall in [illegible] splashing as it fell some of the men who were nearest to it—the part that had opened closed again. But it only closed for a moment, for directly afterward it once more parted and from it fell something white—something about as big as a duck's egg. And then once more it closed up. Job was by now almost beside himself with terror, but I was calmer and in my calmness I advanced to that white thing a lying there in the moonlight and picked it up while Job looked over my elbow at it.

"Shipmates all in this here town, do you know what that thing were? It were a bone of some sort—alas, we feared it were a bone of poor Will Winter's crushed and bruised into a pulp.

"Slowly I let my hand fall and I knowed now that my face must be as horror struck as the face of the man before me, and slowly followed by him I walked away from under the branches of that accursed tree. And, as we moved off, I think it done us good to see the light glimmering on the fo'castle of the Loving Friend and to know that in that brave ship there was something [illegible] from the terrors by which we were surrounded.

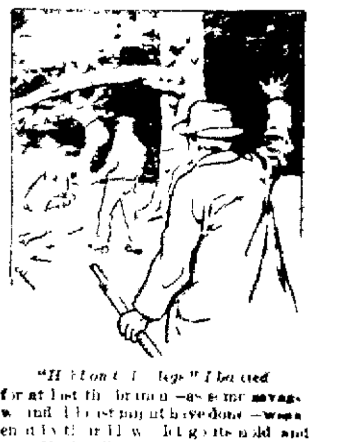
"'The skipper was right,' says I, as we gazed on the ship both on us most afeard to cast our eyes to the tree. 'We are in the hands of God. But still there is something here no mortal man can fathom. Mate, let us wake them—though our watch is not yet run out, nor their sleep at an end. Better, better far that they wake and come away from that tree than remain there—better—'

"But here I was stopped with a yell so awful that the other words I was going to utter died on my lips. In a moment we had faced round once more to that tree, and there we see what might have froze a man to death with fear.

"All the sleepers were now on their feet, shouting and yelling—that is to say, all but one, Mark Deacon, and he—he, shipmates, was a hanging [illegible] of that tree [illegible] being some distance from the [illegible] and the branch [illegible] But it was not even this that was so horrible [illegible] to perceive that he was [illegible] the branch [illegible] itself [illegible] like a vast mouth [illegible] never dropping him [illegible] had swallowed his head and [illegible] forearm and that it was [illegible] drawing the whole of his body into itself. So have I seen a [illegible] draw into the maw of an animal for to nothing else can I compare this [illegible]

"'Help! help!' I bawled as I [illegible] you with axes and knives—swarm up the tree and lop off that branch. Lop it off [illegible] anything but stop what it is about.'

"But to lop off a branch from a tree that [illegible] an ordinary [illegible] no easy task, work as hard as [illegible] and though two men had already got up the tree by the help of the others' shoulders and were hacking and slashing away at the branch with [illegible] they made but little progress [illegible] as they hacked and slashed with [illegible] they made the [illegible] was deluged with [illegible] like a quarter deck after a three hours fight with a gang of [illegible] than the shore of a [illegible] But at [illegible] one good advantage did occur from their efforts.



"H[illegible] on! [illegible] let go!" I bawled.

for at last the branch—as some savage would [illegible] might have done—was [illegible] gotten hold and [illegible] Mark [illegible]

During all this time I had been [illegible] his [illegible] shrieking so [illegible] if his arm and [illegible] had we done [illegible] suffered but little more [illegible] been a greater [illegible] at last he fell to the ground, the arm was gone, eaten away by that devilish tree, and nought but a mangled stump protruded from his shoulder. But his life was [illegible] of his whole body [illegible] a limb.

"And now [illegible] what more need [illegible] what Will Winter had [illegible] what had befallen him? I [illegible] across a [illegible] something [illegible] could call it simply a tree [illegible] by some dreadful freak of nature a [illegible] cannibal part [illegible] something. I do think that my eyes and those of the crew of the Loving Friend had ever seen [illegible] mortal man could ever have imagined [illegible]

"Shipmates, there was left but one thing [illegible] that we done at [illegible]

"We [illegible] the axes that were on board. We hewed down that tree [illegible] and at first [illegible] brought at [illegible] came from it [illegible] as much as the body [illegible] that we knowed [illegible] in the tree [illegible] we found some [illegible]

"And [illegible] the strange [illegible] from which [illegible] teeth and the [illegible]

Then when the company had inspected [illegible] I stared wondering [illegible] at him and into each other's eyes, they slowly withdrew, while I [illegible] my [illegible] went trembling up the stairs to bed.

A Palate Tickler

"Years ago, when I longed to [illegible] of [illegible] New York city," said Colonel Henry Watterson, "at [illegible] I designed the dish now generally known as oyster a la Newburg. I gave my idea to Charlie Delmonico and he saw that it was carried to successful execution. John McCullough was one of us and to John is due the appearance of broiled live lobster in the east. He had caught on to that epicurean way of preparing it during his stay in California. In after years I attained some fame as a manipulator of certain dishes, terrapin perhaps being my masterpiece.

"Curiously enough all the newspaper stories have given me credit for being an artist in the preparation of oysters, but my experience with the bivalve is limited. I always left them to John Chamberlin while he would not allow any one but myself to attend to the diamond backs.

"I can't begin to tell you how much of this ingredient or the exact quantity of the other to put with the terrapin, but I know how to blend them all in an instinctive sort of way, and I've never yet found the man who didn't admit that my cooking was of the highest order."—Washington Post.

Exception Worth Noting

One of those positive men who are prolific in maxims for the general guidance of mankind was holding forth to a group of listeners.

"Never tell your dreams," he said. "They interest nobody but yourself, and if they have any significance at all they merely indicate some mental weakness on the part of the dreamer."

"Yes," replied one of the listeners, after a pause, "what fool old John Bunyan was to tell that long dream of his about the pilgrims."

After this there was another and longer pause.—Youth's Companion.

No Longer Desirable

"We shall not invite Mr. Towper to dinner again."

"Does he tell old stories?"

"No, but he has quit laughing at Jenny's old stories."—Chicago Record.

Guarded Answer

Gotrox—How would you like to be a rich man like me?

Gotsnow—I'd like to be rich.—Indianapolis Journal.

Venezuela has an enormous territory, claiming [illegible]93,000 square miles of area. It is about as large as Alaska and Arizona.

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UNCLE SAM controls 73,750 postoffices.

THE postoffice receipts of the government are over $100,000,000 annually.

IF Captain Dreyfus had died in prison there would have been less suicides in the French army.

THE chances are now that the War office will be able to Root out that canned beef scandal.

DEMOCRATIC caucuses will be held Saturday, August 5. The county convention will convene Tuesday, August 8th.

IT is a sad commentary on the rich property owners of Chicago that apparently the honest man among them is a woman.—The Jingo.

WILL some Democrat have the kind ness to get out a search warrant for David B. Hill, who at one time was considered the whole thing in New York State? For two years the effervescent David has remained hidden at Wolfert's Roost.

THE transport Senator from Manila, bringing home the gallant 10th Pennsylvania regiment, arrived at San Francisco last Tuesday with her flag at half mast. Col. A. L. Hawkins, the brave commander, had died of apoplexy when two days out from Yokohama.

THE Democratic party has ever gone upon record as being unalterably opposed to third termism. However, as consistency is not an attribute of the Democratic party, we may look for the renomination of T. F. Hungiville next Tuesday for the third term as county commissioner.

POLITICAL bosses get their calls. The New York Tribune is now after Tom Platt with a sharp pointed stick. If Platt and Quay could be yoked up and driven for a while with a good sharp goad-stick it would be highly appreciated by everyone who could get a view of the operation.

THERE are two types of Americans now most in the public eye—Theodore Roosevelt and Edward Atkinson. Which type do you prefer?—The Jingo. There were two types from 1861 to 1865—one, the boys who wore the blue and defended the flag; the other type was of the Valandingham stripe.

IF Pennsylvania is not well doctored from a medical standpoint, it will not be because of a scarcity of physicians. The State Examining Board has just granted licenses to 375 more doctors to practice out of 425 that made application, and in view of there being two examinations held each year it is patent that the supply of medicos is being well provided. The State examiners are likely to receive more than $5,000 each per annum from the fees paid by applicants, as the list of would-be doctors is gradually increasing and it costs every applicant $25 to enter for examination.—Philadelphia Press.

DEAR MAT.—Please shake the plum tree. M. J. C.—Potter Democrat.

Neighbor, please be more explicit. Does this mean a postoffice, or what in Sam Hill and Tom Walker does it mean? Bro. Colcord has been claiming all along that he was an organization Republican and it made no difference what the color of a man's politics were, he (Mr. Colcord) would support him as long as he received the caucus nomination. But if there is a postoffice appointment behind the scenes the MINER is inclined to the belief that Mr. C.'s political views are only skin deep. Oh, no, Colcord could never afford to go back on Quay as long as that hide bound Republican, W. H. Sullivan of Austin, supports the ex-Senator.

KATE CHASE SPRAGUE DEAD.

Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Treasury S. P. Chase under President Lincoln, died at her home in Washington the first of the week, after an illness of about three months.

Kate Chase began her career as a social leader when her father, Salmon P. Chase, then a widower, was elected governor of Ohio. Her remarkable beauty and social qualities made the executive mansion at Columbus a scene of many brilliant entertainments. When Mr. Chase was made secretary of the treasury under Lincoln and the family removed there his daughter was soon acknowledged to be one of the most beautiful women of the capital, and her father's home over which she presided became the center of the most fashionable and select circles.

With the outbreak of the war she met the young and dashing governor of Rhode Island, William H. Sprague. An engagement almost immediately followed. When Governor Sprague was elected to the Senate their home was a gathering place of the foremost men and women of that day. In the midst, however, of the social and political success which they had attained a domestic cloud made its appearance, resulting in a divorce. Mrs. Sprague then made her home at Edgewood, a handsome country place which had been left her by her father. Here she has resided ever since.

Financial reverses clouded her later years, the handsome homestead was mortgaged and disaster was impending when a year ago old friends came to her rescue, raised the mortgage and arranged for her an allowance of $3,000 a year secured on the valuable estate.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 31, 1899.

Wide awake as newspaper men are generally, they do not always get on to things as soon as they occur. For instance, none of the Washington correspondents knew until a day or two ago, that President McKinley had ordered a cablegram sent to Gen. Otis more than a week ago, telling him that the President was entirely satisfied with what he had accomplished and believed that he had done all that could have been done under the circumstances. The following is a portion of the answer of Gen. Otis. "I appreciate very much the confidence the President has expressed in me and assure the President that I have no other ambition or thought than to carry out his instructions. With the plans, now matured, I believe that we can suppress the rebellion in a reasonably short time, with honor to the U. S. and satisfaction to the President." It is highly creditable to the President that while the yellow journals were demanding the recall of Gen. Otis, because he had failed to please some of the correspondents and to accomplish impossibilities, he should have shown his confidence in him in such a marked manner. That the President and the entire administration had implicit confidence in Gen. Otis, has been known in Washington all the time.

Secretary Root arrived in Washington to-day and will, to-morrow, formally succeed Gen. Alger as Secretary of War. There are many rumors in circulation as to what his policy is to be, but they are merely guesses, mostly wild. There is no occasion for a Secretary of War to have any policy other than that of the President, under whom he serves, and no reason to believe that in that respect, Secretary Root will differ in any radical way from his predecessor.

A great many kind words will accompany Secretary Alger into private life, and being spoken at this time, there is no possible reason to doubt their sincerity. The following remarks made by Representative Joy of Mo. are a fair sample of what is being said by many Republicans of prominence: "I am not surprised to see Gen. Alger's election to the Senate predicted. I make the same prophecy. Instead of being the target for all manner of abuse and the victim of everybody's persecution, Gen. Alger will become the hero, and this will be especially true of his future in his own State. As Senator Elkins has said, he was at the head of the War Department during a most successful war. He equipped and put 250,000 men in the field in an incredibly short space of time, and when everything had to be obtained at almost a moment's notice. To be sure, the soldiers did not have pie for breakfast, nor were feather beds carried around for them, but on the whole, they fared remarkably well. The time will come when Gen. Alger will be given credit for his great work and the kindliness of heart which accompanied his executive administration."

Representative Smith of Ills. thus summed up the amusing wobbling of the Democrats on the issues of the Presidential campaign: "The Democrats may try to run their campaign on a dozen issues, but the moment they nominate Bryan, they will force the silver issue to the front. They cannot escape if he is the nominee, as now seems practically settled. Mr. Bryan cannot subordinate silver unless he descends to mere pettyfogging in politics, for he is the embodiment of the idea. If silver is not mentioned in the platform, and Bryan is nominated, the people will not be deceived. They know Bryan's position too well."

"Three hundred million bushels of corn and $50,000,000 on deposit in its banks," said Representative Curtis, "have drowned out the calamity wailers and restored Kansas to its old place among the sure Republican States. Thousands who voted for Bryan in '96 will vote for McKinley next year, and it can be classed among the certainties that Kansas will give the Republican presidential electors not less than 25,000 majority."

All the Democratic talk about political favors to be bestowed by the granting of public franchises in Porto Rico was rendered useless, not to say silly, by the opinion of Attorney General Griggs, to whom the question was referred some weeks ago by Secretary Alger, that the right to grant these concessions is vested in Congress alone. This case is another indication of the wisdom of waiting until something has been done to criticise before opening your batteries. The hair trigger critic misses oftener than he hits, and every miss makes him more ridiculous in the eyes of sensible men.

Secretary Long, and every officer on duty at the Navy Department, unite in expressing disbelief of the alleged interview with Admiral Dewey, which makes him say that our next war will be with Germany, and other things which are inconsistent with his general record for level-headedness.

NORWAY'S SKATING SOLDIERS.

The Norwegian army has lately organized a highly trained corps of skaters. The men are armed with repeating rifles. They wear a specially constructed skate evolved after numerous experiments with varied types. The heel is so shaped as to enable the men to turn with great rapidity. As a matter of fact they perform the "right about" in much quicker time than infantry, spinning round as though on a pivot at the word of command.

The corps can be maneuvered with a rapidity equal to that of the best trained cavalry, and at a recent review—on one of the fjords—their evolutions astonished the military representatives of other nations who were invited to witness the display.

For patrol and scout duty they are expected to be of the greatest use, as the ice season in Norway is of considerable duration.

The men are the pick of a skating nation, and they are commanded by an ex-champion. They are capable of traveling eighty miles a day on the ice fully equipped.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and am now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at L. K. Hogarth & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

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HE CAN'T OBSTRUCT THE LAW.

Attorney General Elkin isn't doing himself justice by his delay in answering the citizens who appealed to him for the right to determine a grave constitutional question directly affecting the interests of the people. When the application was made to him on the 11th of June, he should have met it promptly and rendered every possible facility within his power to reach a judicial determination of the right of the Governor to obstruct a proposed constitutional amendment by the veto power. This delay has the appearance of studied delay to hinder the presentation of the constitutional amendments to the public by advertising them as required by law. It may not have been the Attorney General's purpose, but he should have avoided even the appearance of erring against popular rights.

We believe that the Governor has no power to obstruct the submission of the proposed amendments to the Constitution by the exercise of the veto power. In this we may be mistaken, but it is a very grave question of constitutional law that the Governor and Attorney General should feel most anxious to have decided by the proper judicial authorities. Had the Attorney General met the citizens who proposed to test the right by legal proceedings and given his cordial co-operation to their effort, the question could have been determined before the period necessary for public advertisement of the proposed amendments, but now the Attorney General gives as an excuse for the delay, that it is not possible to reach a judicial determination in time to issue the advertisements this year.

Fortunately, in this case, the law can't be obstructed by the Attorney General or by any other official or citizen. The clause of the Constitution requiring the advertisement of proposed amendments to that instrument is the same as the provision of the supreme law before 1874; when we had annual sessions of the Legislature. If we had continued annual sessions the failure to advertise the proposed amendments adopted by the last Legislature, would be absolutely defeated by the failure to advertise them this year; but as the sessions of our Legislature are now biennial, the spirit and obvious intent of the Constitution would be fully met by advertising these amendments next year when the Legislature that is to pass upon them must be chosen by the people. No matter how much delay may be enforced by the Attorney General, it isn't possible for him or any others to obstruct the law in reaching a judicial decision as to the rights of the Governor under the Constitution.

It is now obvious that the proposed amendments can't be advertised this year, but the clear purpose of the Constitution can be completely fulfilled by advertising them next year, and the public spirited citizens who have initiated the proceedings, will go on and prosecute their case until it shall have reached the judgment of the Supreme Court of the State, and it would be well for the Attorney General to aid rather than to hinder this proceeding. The people are entitled to know their rights as against the rights of the Governor under the Constitution, and they will demand in peremptory tones that doubtful authority shall not be assumed by the Executive to hinder the people from declaring for themselves whether they will amend, or refuse to amend, their supreme law.

Let Attorney General Elkin then fully accept the situation and open wide the doors for the judicial determination of the important issue that has been raised as to the prerogatives of the Executive. It is due to a faithful Executive that he shall scrupulously respect the Constitution he has sworn to obey, and when in doubt as to his duties, he and those who represent the State government in legal proceedings, should be among the most willing to have a judicial determination of disputed powers.

The law can't be obstructed in this case, as the proposed amendments can be advertised next year if it shall be decided that the Governor has not the power to obstruct them by veto; and in attempting to hinder judicial proceedings, the State administration must place itself in an offensive and wholly false position before the sovereign power of the Commonwealth.—Philadelphia Times.

ARE NOT DOING ILL.

We do not think that the Republican independents are doing ill. Horace Porter is Ambassador to France; Seth Low refused the Spanish mission and is commissioner at The Hague; Joseph H. Choate is Ambassador to Great Britain, and Elihu Root is to be Secretary of War. If official preferment is a good thing, these office holders are not in a bad case. If adherence to the right of individual expression in politics encounters risks, these exponents of that principle have certainly met with no losses.

They have not sought office. But office has sought them. And that is significant of an intelligently enlarging Republican leadership. Only two years ago Messrs. Choate, Root and others were against Thomas C. Platt and for Seth Low. Theodore Roosevelt, who was then Assistant Secretary of the Navy, was against him too, but "adhered to the organization," as some of these men did not. Whether from choice or necessity, the Republican policy was so changed that these men were taken into account, to them have been given offices, and the machine, if you please, has again commanded the voice of the country through them. We care not whether liberality or cunning, sincerity or calculation, contrition or inconsistency, be held to explain this. Men will differ on that point, according to the nature of their own minds or motives or the largeness or the littleness of their disposition or capacity to estimate or to see things.

The fact remains that where there were two Republican parties, there is one. The disaster of 1897 did something to accomplish this. The effect of the war upon the imagination and pride of the party did something more. The result has been accomplished.—Brooklyn Eagle (Ind. Dem.)

About one month ago my child, which is fifteen months old, had an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about 10 days and was having about 25 operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy.—C. L. Boggs, Stumptown, Gilmer Co., W. Va. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Of Interest to Inventors.

C. A. Snow & Co., one of the oldest and most successful firms of patent lawyers, whose offices are opposite the United States Patent Office in Washington, D. C., and who have procured patents for more than 17,000 inventors, say that, owing to the improved conditions in the United States Patent Office, patents may now be more promptly procured than at any previous time in their experience of twenty-five years.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures dyspepsia because its ingredients are such that it can't help doing so. "The public can rely upon it as a master remedy for all disorders arising from imperfect digestion."—James M. Thomas, M. D., in American Journal of Health, N. Y. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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RESULTS OF PEACE CONFERENCE.

The peace conference at The Hague has done its work and is now matter of history. Called by the Czar for the primary purpose of devising means to ensure a gradual disarmament of the powers, or to at least arrest their ever increasing armament, it has signally failed in its essential object simply because failure in the circumstances was inevitable.

But in other respects the conference has not been altogether fruitless. It has taught the statesmen of Europe and those of the sovereigns in whom is vested, or who arrogate to themselves, the great prerogative of determining when there shall be war and when peace, that the public sentiment in all lands is that peace should be the normal condition of humanity and that war should be resorted to only when every means consistent with the national honor had been exhausted to avert it. In this respect, too, the conference has been a victory for democracy, for it has virtually admitted the right of the people, whom war most affects, who furnish its victims and who provide for its maintenance, to have a voice in the vital question of deciding for war or peace.

In the dawning days of the closing century, ere Waterloo had yet been fought or the ships of the United States had won those glorious fights that shall ever shed lustre on her history, such a conference would have been impossible, and the very fact that it has been held is in itself an evidence of the march of intellect and of the progressive thought of our day. It has failed to secure a disarmament of the nations, but that it has seriously discussed the question of arbitration and indorsed it as a principle of international ethics is alone a triumph for the conference and a vast stride in the direction of universal peace. True it is that no practical result, such, for instance, as the establishment of an international court of arbitration, has followed the conference's deliberations on this head, but the principle of arbitration has been admitted, and it will be for the signatory governments to consider later on the establishment of such a tribunal.

Aside from the moral effect of the conference its net results have been—the indorsement of arbitration by sixteen states, the prohibition of balloon projectiles by seventeen, the prohibition of asphyxiating gases by sixteen and the prohibition of expansive bullets by fifteen. This is after all, a good showing, and an adherence by the signatory powers to the principles thus enumerated must unquestionably lessen the chances for war and mitigate its horrors if declared.

It must be a matter of national pride that the outcome of the deliberations at The Hague were determined so largely by the United States delegates. Regarded at the outset somewhat in the light of intruders in affairs in which neither they nor their country were concerned, Ambassador White and his colleagues, by their ability to discuss every phase of the several questions involved, by the force of their logic and by their general bearing towards the other members of the conclave, not only dissipated every vestige of prejudice against them but actually induced the conference to acquiesce in views to which, by environment and training, they had, theretofore, been antagonistic.

This is a record to be proud of and whatever the remote result of the conference may be the United States has done her duty to humanity and been well and faithfully represented in the most significant and possibly far-reaching international gathering of modern times.—Philadelphia Times.

WHATEVER actuates Martin, Flinn & Co. to have renounced the Quay machine; whatever cause (and no doubt it was sufficient) that made John Wanamaker abandon political associations of a lifetime and place his fortune in the way of machine ambition, whatever these causes may have been, the results are none the less gratifying to all men alike, who desire to see honest and able State government. Republicans that have confronted bossism in Pennsylvania, men that have said HALT to the dark methods practiced by Quay, knew full well they were not caressing a kitten; they realized, all too well, they should be banished from the party and held in ostracism. Nor did they act hastily. Rash, perhaps, in a partisan sense, their conduct was the act of mature reflection and duty, as they saw it. There have been crimes committed in the name of the Republican party, that honorable men had to disavow, whatever consequences might follow. Say nothing about Martin and Flinn who have been compromised whenever occasion presented an opportunity, John Wanamaker never engaged in this warfare against Matt Quay from motives of envy, disappointment or hope of political advancement. He has waged relentless war against bossism to redeem the Republican party. In a spirit of fairness it must be admitted. Does any one for a moment pretend to think that the hundreds of Republicans in McKean county, for instance, who have repudiated Quayism, did so expecting to be rewarded, or to receive preferences for official favors. Not by any means. They were decided, to a man, to oppose further degradation and desecration of true Republicanism by reasons of the most praiseworthy character. The man who publicly drew to himself, because he could not longer countenance malfeasance in office of the worst sort, the enmity, fury and storm of abuse leveled at him from both open and concealed batteries of machine guns, is anything but a coward. Democrats may differ with that man upon many subjects of political economy, but his courage shares the fullest measure of their respect.—Port Allegany Reporter.

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The W. N. Y. & P. R'y. will run their last popular Vacation Excursion to the 1000 Islands and the St. Lawrence River Saturday, August 19th. Tickets good returning ten days, will be sold at the low rate of $5.50 from Smethport. Train leaves at 2:33 p. m. These excursions offer the cheapest and most delightful vacation outings. Arrangements have been made for through sleeping cars. Rate per berth from Olean $2. Secure space of W. N. Y. & P. Ry. agents in advance to insure accommodations.

The Rev. W. B. Costley of Stockbridge, Ga., while attending to his pastoral duties at Ellenwood, that state, was attacked by cholera morbus. He says; "By chance I happened to get hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I think it was the means of saving my life. It relieved me at once." For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Portage Falls Excursion $1.00.

On Sundays, July 2, 16, 30, August 13 and 27 the W. N. Y. & P. R'y will run popular excursions to Portage Falls. Special train will leave Smethport at 8:40 a. m. Fare $1.00. Trains will arrive at Portage Falls Park 11:20 a. m. Returning, leave 5:15 p. m., giving nearly six hours to visit the Falls and their delightful surroundings. A band of music will accompany each excursion and give a free concert at the park during the afternoon.

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"This sort of thing caused a lot of talk, as you may imagine. I got a threatening letter from the baking powder company, but I paid no attention to it. I knew that the company would not care to make bad worse by legal proceedings, even if I had been stupid enough to give cause for them. By and by, the company came down from its high horse and proposed a compromise of the question in dispute and a new contract upon a more liberal basis. Of course I could not listen to any talk of this sort, but I kept on hammering my old patron until I believe I drove his goods out of town."—Press and Printer.

DUN'S REPORT.

There is certainly room for some decrease when the volume of payments through the clearing house in July is 47.2 per cent. larger than last year, and 59.6 per cent. larger than in 1892 the best of all previous years. So great an advance would warrant expectation of some set back under ordinary circumstances. This year the unusual freedom from labor troubles about July 1st is followed by some signs of a tendency to strike because great works are committed far ahead, and cannot halt without loss. It is said that ore handlers are trying to block the movement of iron ore by the Lakes, and freight handlers have made some trouble on eastern lines, while several thousand iron workers at Youngstown are striking for another advance in wages. But interruption of business by labor troubles of all sorts has been less than in any July for years.

Nor is the movement of products hampered. Western receipts in July have been 18,863,826 bushels against 7,369,835 last year to date, and of corn 28,485,251 against 9,173,335 last year, even the last week showing large gains over last year. The Street knows that this does not promise short crops, and after quite a rise wheat closed only 1 1.8c, higher for the week and corn 3.8 of a cent lower. Recital of the foreign rumors which influenced daily speculation is useless; the markets which employ them are quick to drop them when real news comes. Exports of wheat from both coasts were 9,939,289 bushels, flour included, against 8,823,192 last year. Corn exports also continue surprising, 11,684,521 bushels for the month thus far against 6,767,933 last year. In spite of large foreign buying, cotton also declined to 6 12 cts.

Reduced Rates to the Seashore.

August 10 and 24 are the dates of the remaining Pennsylvania Railroad Company's low-rate ten-day excursions from Erie, Troy, Bellefonte, Williamsport, [illegible], Sunbury, Shenandoah, Dauphin and principal intermediate stations (including stations on branch roads), to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Anglesea, Wildwood or Holly Beach.

Excursion tickets, good to return by regular trains within ten days, will be sold at very low rates. Tickets to Atlantic City will be sold via the Delaware River Bridge Route, the only all-rail line, or via Market Street Wharf, Philadelphia.

For information in regard to specific rates and time of trains consult hand bills, or apply to agents, or E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

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4 lb pkg Soap Foam for	16c
2 qt pail full of coffee for	25c
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2 cans best Columbia river salmon for	35c
Granulated sugar, per lb	6c
Arbuckle coffee, per pkg	10c
Pillsbury Vitos, 2 for	24c
Pettijohn Breakfast Food, 2 for	23c
Gallon jugs of catchup for	75c
6 lbs Gloss Starch for	25c
Best White Rose lard, per lb	8c
in 3 or 5 lb pails, per lb	9c
Fancy lemons, large size, per dozen	25c
1 lb pkg bird seed, best quality, for	8c
Lemon teas, a favorite cookie per lb only	5c

J. COLEGROVE.

Auditors' Report

Of Smethport Boro School District for the Year Ending June, 1899.

E. T. DALY, Coll., in account with Smethport boro school district.

Dr.		
To balance last auditors' report	$ 781 57	781 57
Cr.		
By amt paid Treas. Gifford	[illegible]	
By exonerations allowed	[illegible]	
By 5 per cent on [illegible]	[illegible]	
By paid Treas. to balance	[illegible]	781 57

D. H. QUINLISK, Coll., in account with Smethport boro school district.

Dr.		
To duplicate 1898	3718 23	
To 5 per cent additional on [illegible]	[illegible]	3756 15
Cr.		
By 5 per cent discount allowed taxpayers	[illegible]	
By cash paid Treas. Gifford	[illegible]	
By exonerations allowed June 5, '99	[illegible]	
By 2 per cent com on [illegible]	[illegible]	
By 5 per cent com on [illegible]	[illegible]	
By balance of duplicate outstanding	[illegible]	3756 15

EMMA A. GIFFORD, Treas., in account with Smethport boro school district.

Dr.		
To amt rec'd from ex-Treas. Mayo	[illegible]	
To amt rec'd State appropriations	[illegible]	
To amt rec'd collectors including taxes of all kinds	[illegible]	
To amt rec'd County Treasurer	[illegible]	
To amt rec'd tuition	[illegible]	
To amt rec'd boot damages and hay	[illegible]	5817 97
Cr.		
By paid orders teachers' wages	[illegible]	
By paid orders gas and water	[illegible]	
By paid orders secretary and janitor	[illegible]	
By paid orders supplies and books	[illegible]	
By paid orders furniture and repairs	[illegible]	
By paid orders all other expenses	[illegible]	
By paid Bond No. 5	[illegible]	
By paid bond coupons	[illegible]	
By Treasurer's 2 per cent. com on $5663.27	[illegible]	
By balance on hand	[illegible]	5817 97

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of Treas. Gifford	[illegible]	
Cash in hands of Treas. Holder	[illegible]	
Balance dup. date Collector Quinlisk	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

Bonded indebtedness	[illegible]

And now, July 18th, 1899, having examined the accounts of the above named treasurer and collectors, we find and report balances as above set forth.

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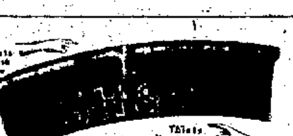

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Smethport, Pa., Thursday, Aug. 3, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Erect more dwellings.

—Note J. Colegrove's advertisement.

—Eli Larson has purchased the A. De[illegible] property on Willow street.

—Mrs. C. D. Coones of East Smethport, who has been quite ill for the past week, is improving.

—Will Haynes was stepping high, wide and handsome this morning. It's a boy of regulation size.

—Lightning killed 387 people in the United States during last year, averaging over one each day.

—The J. C. Gallup building on Main street, recently damaged by fire, is being thoroughly repaired.

—Fred J. Emery of Bradford and Miss Minnie Jones of Rew City were wedded at Olean Sunday last.

—C. O. Messler will at once begin the erection of a residence at the corner of Green and Pine streets.

—There were 87 tickets sold at the Smethport station for the excursion to Portage Falls on Sunday.

—A kitchen is being erected for the Picard House and Landlord McGuier will soon be feeding the hungry.

—Mr. Loyd of Wyalusing, Bradford county, recently caught a bass in the Susquehanna that weighed 27 pounds.

—When the fires start in the glass works about 300 men and boys will be given employment. And still we have no opera house.

—Contractor Kelley and D. E. Hibbard came over from Bradford Monday morning to build the culverts on E. K. Kane's new railroad.

—The B., R. & P. R'y will run another of their popular vacation excursions to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Toronto on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

—F. F. Riggal will very likely purchase a bicycle lamp. He had an interview with Mayor Hogarth one night this week in regard to prices.

—A force of eighty men arrived to work on the new railroad Wednesday. Mr. McComb says the work will be pushed with all possible speed.

—Make your arrangements to take the trip to the seashore, Thursday, August [illegible] via Pennsylvania Railroad. Rates are low and accommodations unsurpassed.

—During the period since October 16th, [illegible] to the present time, there were 240 applications for divorce in Clinton county and [illegible] decrees of separation granted.—Renovo News.

—The low rates offered by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for excursion to the seashore on Thursday, August 10th, should be within the means of all desiring to visit these resorts.

—Isaac Pattison of Hazelhurst dropped dead on Tuesday night of heart disease while working on the street. He was aged about 70 years, and was well known in this section.

—The goddess of justice on the court house came near dropping the scales from her hand in confusion caused by the boisterous and vulgar talk of heated and hard worked county officials this morning.

—New vestments have been provided for the members of St. Luke's choir and will be worn on next Sunday. The choir [illegible] a large body, twenty-eight members being present on last Sunday evening.

—The city council of Bradford last Monday night granted a franchise to the [illegible] Telephone and Telegraph company. This company has been seeking [illegible] for a long time and has finally [illegible].

—[illegible] L. and Frank Sartwell began their [illegible] of plumbing for the new water [illegible] this week and have opened a shop [illegible] of the Wolcott store building. [illegible] was the first family patron to [illegible].—Eldred Eagle.

—Dr. Walker will preach on the [illegible] topics next Sunday. At 10:30 [illegible] "The Relation of Christians to the [illegible]" "The Conservatory Influence of [illegible]." At 8 p. m., "The Scriptural [illegible] of The Atonement."

—The body of a man named [illegible] was found last Sunday in his [illegible] at Elk City, Clarion county, Pa. He had been brutally murdered. The object [illegible] crime was robbery, but the [illegible] were evidently frightened away.

—The lumber camp and stables of [illegible] & Atherton, on Denis Run, were destroyed by fire last Saturday [illegible]. Fifteen horses perished in the flames. Nearly 1500 bushels of oats were destroyed besides harness, wagons and tools.

—Five families moved into East Smethport this week, and vacant houses in that vicinity are getting as scarce as the proverbial "hen's teeth." That we need more houses is evident, but it seems that those who have the coin are timid about investing it.

—During the convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, to be held in Bradford August 11th to 20th, inclusive, board can be procured in homes and private boarding houses at $3.50 and $4 a week by applying to Miss Gregg, No. 11 Chautauqua Place.

—An epidemic of genuine yellow fever is reported at the National Soldiers' Home near Hampton, Va. Several deaths from the disease have occurred at that institution. The most rigid quarantine regulations have been enforced to prevent the spread of the malady.

—Prof. Coles promises to tell how to get rid of the daisy pest in the September number of Storms and Signs. Every farmer should secure a copy of this issue of that valuable publication. Send ten cents to Prof. C. Coles, Kingston, Pa., and it will be sent you postpaid.

—List of letters remaining in the post-office at Smethport for the week ending July 29, 1899: Fred Ackman, J. H. Britton, Mrs Lavina Rouster, Elmer Jones, Mrs. Thos. J. Kropp, John Onell, Mrs. Sarah Preston, Dr. Chas. E. Sharpe, Miss Birdie Tolbut, Wm. M. Wright, W. J. Watson.

—A. L. Colegrove was a most welcome caller at the MINER office Tuesday, wearing a genuine broadcloth smile. When asked the cause of so much happiness, cigars were tossed upon our desk and the reply came that it was a girl. Mother and babe are doing finely, but Al. is wondering why a boy did not arrive.

—About thirty of our leading young people enjoyed a straw ride to Burbank's crossing last Tuesday afternoon. Everything indicated a most enjoyable time on their departure. A watermelon and a kodak was noticed in the party. If P. D. Hamlin will disclose the hidden secrets of the kodak the MINER will publish a most interesting story of that ride.

—It is generally understood that the Pennsylvania Railroad company will hereafter pension all employes in good standing who have reached the age of 70 years. This is right and proper; anyone who has endured hardships and dangers for 50 years on a railway train ought to be entitled to travel the pearly streets without a question being asked.

—The W. N. Y. & P. R'y company has made an improvement in its freight service, whereby freight delivered at the Rochester freight house before 6 o'clock and at the Bradford freight house before 3 o'clock in the afternoon reaches Smethport at 8:20 the following morning. Delivery of freight from other points is equally as promptly made over this line.

—The Eldred Eagle says: A letter was received this week from Pitcher McFall, who is doing such wonderfully effective work for the Cortland team this season and is doing more than his share to make them pennant winners, as he did for Canandaigua two years in succession. He says he has won ten out of the last twelve games he has pitched and his batting and fielding average is up near the top.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday (Feast of the Transfiguration) the services will be at 10 and 10:30 a. m. and at 8 p. m. The monthly choir festival will be observed at the evening service, when the following music will be sung: (1) "Holiest Breathe an Evening Blessing," by Geo. C. Martin. (2) "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings Fair," chorus with soprano solo, by Spohr. (3) "The Vesper Hour," soprano solo, by H. R. Shelley.

—Ralph P. Hawley, well-known here, and who at one time was editor of the Austin Tribune, was arrested in Cleveland Tuesday, charged with murder. He was a street car conductor in that city, and it is claimed he shot and killed a man. He is also well known in Buffalo and traveled at one time for the World Dispensary. While here he was considered a man of good habits and was a favorite in church and social circles.—Austin Republican.

—Employes of the W. N. Y. & P. Ry., whose wages were reduced some time ago, were on Saturday notified that five per cent. of the reduction would be restored, beginning July 1, and the additional five per cent. would be restored July 1, 1900. The order, says the Oil City Derrick, raises the wages of about 3,000 men connected with the railroad system and is especially beneficial to Oil City, as nearly all employes of the river and Pittsburg divisions of the road have their homes there.

—An application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on August 18, by L. B. Seibert, M. J. Potter, F. A. Raymond, M. L. App, D. R. Cobb and others for a charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Coudersport Street Railway Company," of Coudersport, Pa., the character and object of which is the constructing, maintaining and operating a street railway, for public use in the conveyance of passengers, in the borough of Coudersport and township of Eulalia, Potter county, Pa.

—If there ever was fun promised and realized it will be at Port Allegany on August 21. "Pinky" King was over last Tuesday and made all sorts of promises for fun on that day. Coudersport and Smethport will have their death struggle in a game of baseball, and Smethport will be the winner, because Steve Collins will umpire and it will be a strictly square game. Then there will be a bicycle race wherein Schadenberger, the alleged champion of three counties will contest with Ray Wolters for the honors.

—The following is the newest swindle and is being worked with great success in some of our neighboring towns: A woman book agent appears in town and goes from house to house leaving books for examination. Next day a man calls to see if the books are wanted. A few days later the woman agent appears, and upon being told that the man has taken the samples she weeps copiously, says the villian has been collecting her books all over town, pleads poverty and so on, and accepts the proffered compensation.—Ex.

—It is almost a weekly occurrence for the Washington monument to be struck by lightning, the shaft being so high that it attracts every bolt within a wide radius. There are no less than 180 lightning conductors fixed in the cap of the great structure, and each of these leads to a thick wire which carries the electricity down the inside of the shaft. It is said that if the conductors had been placed on the outside, as on other structures, there would be many accidents, and the handsome monument would be scarred and chipped by the frequent bolts.

—A great baseball game was played in Bradford last Friday afternoon between a picked-up aggregation from that city and a team purporting to be from Salamanca. The only resemblance to a team from the latter place was one of the gang who had a letter S on his shirt. By careful observation it was noticed that the rest came from Niagara, Cornell, Cohoes, Raleigh, Lehigh, Dunkirk, Fredonia and several other places. The Salamanca team from all over God's creation played an excellent game, while Bradford's aggregation always became tired before reaching the home plate. Bradford's score was 0.

—There is at least one person in town who has an abiding faith in the future prosperity of Smethport, and that person is Alba Gilfillan. When asked the other day what he thought as to the future of the town he replied: "I think Smethport is booming and if the people will do a little hustling they can increase the population 5,000 in five years." This is the right sort of spirit to display. If we want a good, live hustling town we must all hustle to make it so.

—The clothing firm of R. Seger & Son has been dissolved by mutual consent, and the business will be carried on hereafter under the firm name of Seger & Doyle. The new firm is composed of W. T. Seger, junior member of the old firm, and A. D. Doyle of this place. Both are deservedly popular and hustling young business men and we predict for them a successful mercantile career. Read their advertisement in another column and when in need of anything in the line of clothing or gents' furnishings call on "Billy" and "Gus" where you are assured of receiving honorable and courteous treatment.

—The department of public instruction has mailed to the school boards of the State copies of a notice published by Dr. Lee of the State board of health. The letter is in respect to the recent act of the legislature making the school boards boards of health in their various localities. Dr. Lee advises the board to take advantage of the act and thus aid in increasing the healthfulness of the State. The board will furnish copies of rules and laws necessary for the formal presentations to the courts when application is made to widen the scope of the board. The prevalence of diphtheria and smallpox in some portions of the State caused Dr. Lee to make his appeal.

—It has been a week of horrors, accidents, suicides and murder. In our own city the trolley accident on Sunday last, which caused the death of a worthy young man and serious injuries to a well-known citizen, shocked the entire community. A perfect carnival of violence and bloodshed is raging in Georgia and Alabama. Murders, attacks on women and shooting affrays are reported from all directions, and in the two States troops are under arms, surrounding jails to protect prisoners from the fury of mobs. Prominent physicians blame much of the violence on the prolonged heat.—Bradford Herald. And Prof. Coles, the Kingston prophet, gave warning of all this in his July predictions.

—At this time of the year the weed question is one to consider. The Free Press gives the following: "Whether it is economy in the work of man to endure the worthless and rapidly multiplying pests or to plunge into a whole field of weeds, and, by opposing, uproot them. There is probably no work that pays better on a farm than the digging up and cutting down of weeds before they go to seed and a few days of vigorous work each year with thistles, daisies, paint brush and the hundreds of other varieties of destructive plants rapidly improves any farm. Many very good farms have shrunk in value half because the advance guard of the thistle or daisy invasion was disregarded. It is of no use to spend money for fertilizer if the farm yields a crop of weeds, and constant watchfulness especially in the summer, is the only way to keep the noxious growths out of the wheat and hay."

—The wail of a southern editor: "Fish down into your pocket and dig up the dust, the editor is hungry and the paper 'bout to bust. We've trusted you for several months and did it with a smile, so just return the compliment and trust us for awhile. Our wife she needs some stockings and baby needs a dress; Jimmie needs some breeches and so do Kate and Bess. Pud is on the hog train and Peggy sick with grief, and good gosh almighty, can't you give a man relief? Shell out those nickles and turn loose those dimes, turn 'em loose an' whistle and we'll have better times; there will be fewer patches on the bosom of our pants, and we'd make the paper better if we had half a chance. Don't give us that old story, long gone to seed, 'bout taking more papers than the family want to read; but help to feed the printer and he'll help the town to grow, and thus escape the sulphur in the regions down below."

—The decision of the Supreme Court reversing the decision of Judge Morrison in the case of O. P. Buchanan vs. Rebecca B. Wilson opens the judgment given Buchanan and sends the case to trial on its merits. The suit, which has been in litigation since 1894, involves the possession of oil lands near Rew City which Mrs. Wilson and her brother purchased of Buchanan. In one form or another the case has been before the McKean county courts several times, and Buchanan has always got the decision until now. The appeal to the Supreme Court was from a decision of Judge Morrison discharging a rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Considerable property is involved and the case has attracted no little attention among lawyers and oil men. The reversal of the lower court by the Supreme Court will have the effect of still further prolonging the litigation.—Bradford Record.

—The man who plays the part of the horse thief in Pawnee Bill's somewhat Wild West, is not a high roller. He rolls low. Over the hillocks and stumps he is dragged at the end of a lasso and although he wears an armor of leather he gets a horrible thumping against the uneven earth. Then he is suspended by a rope attached to his make-up and the suspense is terrible. Later on he is lowered and removed from the arena while the band plays mournful music. The name of this star performer does not appear on the bills, but he is a realistic fellow. Sometime or other he will be "all dragged out." He is a brave and much abused individual and while he fails to receive any applause he is nevertheless entitled to much sympathy and a good salary—neither of which he receives.—Bradford Era. If Bro. Dennison had stated the facts, and said that Pawnee Bill's show was rotten from start to finish he would have told the truth and pleased his readers more than he could imagine. If Pawnee Bill should ever come to this section again he would not have audience enough to form a corporal's guard.

Resolutions.

At a regular meeting of Smethport Tent No. 9, K. O. T. M., on July 7, 1899, the following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Commander of the Universe has deemed it proper to seal the eyelids of our beloved brother, Sir Knight Jacob Hoffman, in that last sleep that knows no earthly wakening and to remove him from family and fraternity, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the officers and members of Smethport Tent, No. 9, K. O. T. M., tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends at the passing before of the beloved husband, a fond father, a genial companion and an honest and upright man, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the MCKEAN COUNTY MINER and the McKean Democrat, and that an engrossed copy be delivered to the wife of our deceased companion.

F. D. COMMINGS,
SHERIDAN GORTON,
W. H. MORRISON,
Committee.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have their ice cream parlor separate from store, with side entrance.

Window glass—any size—at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

Death of Col. A. I. Wilcox.

With feelings of the deepest regret the [illegible] MINER is called upon to chronicle the death of Col. A. I. Wilcox, which [illegible] event occurred at Hackensack, N. J., on Friday morning of last week. The cause of death was cancer of the stomach. In accordance with the wishes of the deceased the funeral was held at Hackensack on Sunday afternoon.

Col. A. I. Wilcox was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., March 22, 1819, the only son of William P. and Betsey (Paine) Wilcox, who were natives of the New England States and of Irish and English descent. His father was a merchant in Connecticut when a young man, and thence moved to Nunda, N. Y., where he lived until 1832, when he came to McKean county and settled in Williamsville, but later removed to Port Allegany, where he died. He was a prominent Democrat, was Speaker of the State Senate during the administration of Gov. Porter, and for many years took a prominent part in State politics.

The subject of this sketch was reared under Democratic doctrines and adhered to the faith of his father until the breaking out of the war of the rebellion, when he became a strong Union man and ever after voted the Republican ticket. He was given good educational advantages, first attending the common schools, and then the academy at Lima, N. Y. After reaching his majority he embarked in the lumber trade, in which he was very successful until the flood of 1861, when in one night $100,000 worth of his lumber was swept away. He had built a magnificent residence at Wilcox (a place which had its origin in his lumber interests and was named in his honor) and lived there for some time. After his loss by flood, Mr. Wilcox began contracting and building railroads, becoming superintendent of construction of a large part of the roads. He next embarked in the oil business as a producer, and carried on an extensive business in this line.

Col. Wilcox experienced many ups and downs in his business career, having seen fortunes vanish in a few hours, then made fortunate investments, and thereby retrieved his losses. He was never soured by misfortune, but through all varied vicissitudes of life his manliness and integrity were manifest. He took an active interest in the prosperity of Bradford and McKean county and was one of the first presidents of the Bradford board of trade. He earned his title of Colonel by serving on the staff of Gov. William F. Packer and Gov. John W. Geary. In 1847 he represented Warren, Elk and McKean counties in the Legislature as a Democrat and was re-elected, serving two terms; and in 1871 he represented Jefferson, Elk and Cameron counties as a Republican, although at this time these counties were strongly Democratic. In 1881 he was elected and served one term as sheriff of McKean county. He was married in June, 1845, to Miss Louisa Horton, daughter of Judge Isaac Horton of Elk county. She died in 1860. Their only child, Ida, is the wife of Mr. Ernest Koester, ex-district attorney of this county, now of Hackensack, N. J.

Col. Wilcox and Hon. W. S. Brownell of this borough were intimate friends from boyhood. Together they built the first log cabin where now stands the village of Wilcox, nursed each other in illness and fought the greater part of the battle of life side by side. Therefore it is not surprising that Mr. Brownell feels the death of his boyhood friend more keenly than can the rest of the Colonel's Smethport friends, whose names are legion.

Death of F. W. Rumsey.

Died, at his home on Mechanic street, on Sunday, July 30, 1899, Franklin William Rumsey, of pleurisy, aged 14 years, 5 months and 18 days.

Mr. Rumsey was a son of William and Flora Rumsey; was born in Conquest, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Feb. 12, 1885. When two years of age he moved with his parents to McKean county and lived on a farm. He became acquainted with Miss Nina Loraine Eaton and on Jan. 1, 1878, they were married. One son was born to them, Garth, who survives. He leaves also a devoted wife, an aged father and mother and three sisters.

Frank, as he was generally known, was one of the most popular men in Smethport. He was always jolly and had a good word and a helping hand for everyone. By dint of thrift and attention to business he had gained a very comfortable home. About nine years ago he assumed charge of the bus line and, with the assistance of his son, has faithfully discharged that duty. He had also successfully conducted a draying business for the past two years. He died knowing that during his life he had done for his family what he could. Nor did he stop there, but prepared for their protection in the future when his strong frame should be leveled to the dust. He was a member of the Maccabees, in which order he carried an insurance of $2,000, and also carried a policy of $1,000 in the Empire State Degree of Honor.

The funeral was held from the house on Wednesday morning, Rev. G. W. Halliwell of Kane officiating. The Maccabees and the Hose Company turned out to the funeral. Interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

Remarkable Holdup.

Of all the bold and daring highway robberies that ever took place in that section of the State, one took place at Corry last night that exceeded anything of the past. Four men held up at least 500 people in carriages and on foot as they were returning from Pawnee Bill's circus. They had lowered and destroyed an arc light near the bridge on Centre street, leaving the road in total darkness, and with drawn revolvers stopped the people and carriages until the street was blockaded. Charles Barton, a driver of a carriage, attempted to pass, but was quickly stopped by a volley of shots. A panic followed, and men dragging women and children up the road and over fences, with drivers lashing their horses, started in a wild run for their lives. A man by the name of Smith, who travels with the show and has a wagon from which he sells peanuts, soft drinks, etc., was ordered down from his wagon and was struck on the head with the butt of a revolver and relieved of $60, but managed to throw a pocketbook containing about $700 into the gutter. He returned after the holdup and found his money. From another man, whose name could not be learned, the robbers procured $200. Later in the evening T. Briskey was held up and robbed of $30 in front of his own door by four men as he was returning to his home. The robbers escaped.—Today's Era.

The Best Remedy for Flux.

Mr. John Mathias, a well known stock dealer of Pulaski, Ky., says: "After suffering for over a week with flux, and my physician having failed to relieve me, I was advised to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have the pleasure of stating that the half of one bottle cured me." For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Attention Farmers!

The undersigned are now ready to do all kinds of threshing in this community. Good work and reasonable charges.
PATTERSON & STICKLES.
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One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures obstinate summer coughs and colds. "I consider it a most wonderful medicine,—quick and safe."—W. W. Merton, Mayhew, Wis. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

In Visiting Race.

[illegible] Harkins, the [illegible] had trained [illegible] for a week in order to be in good form for the race, was given a handicap of 4 minutes. He rode bravely and well up the course until he found a lovely little sequestered nook near A. I. Gallup's of which he took advantage. There he quietly rested until all the other riders had passed him except Leo Koenig, who had troubles of his own. He had got into a ditch, run over a cow and collided with a log. As he came riding painfully along behind "Baldy" the latter yelled to him: "Come on, you d—n fool; you can beat me in."

"There were six entries in the race: Backus, with a handicap of 4 minutes, Purtle, Provin and McClure, with 3 minutes, and Carter and Koenig, who started from scratch. On the return the 3-minute riders were the first to heave in sight, separated only by inches. At this critical juncture McClure became mixed up with a vehicle, leaving the other two to fight it out. The last 300 yards was contested inch by inch by the two leaders, Purtle winning by an eyelash from Provin in as pretty a finish as was ever witnessed. McClure was third, Carter fourth and Koenig fifth. After the winners had received the congratulations of their friends and matters had somewhat quieted down "Baldy" hove into the street, and sailed majestically across the tape amid a tumult of applause.

The Mystery Solved.

A dispatch from Clearfield to the Lock Haven Democrat Monday last has the following crazy canard about the missing John Rohn, of Clinton county, who so mysteriously disappeared on the 6th of last April:

"An engineer on the Beech Creek railroad reports that the body of John Rohn, who so mysteriously disappeared on April 6th, last, has been discovered sewed up in the body of a cow, which was buried near Karthaus. For four months the detectives have been seeking with untiring energy to find the body of the man, who many believe was foully murdered. They have exhaustively searched over a territory covering 20,000 acres. Some one suggested yesterday that a cow had died and been buried on the day that Rohn had disappeared, and it might be possible that the body of the wealthy lumberman had been buried in the same grave. The grave was at last found and the body of the cow taken up, and the remains of a human body, cut up and frightfully mutilated, are said to have been discovered. The general opinion is that these remains are those of Rohn, although they have not yet positively been identified. The great mystery seems to be on the eve of being solved and the excitement runs high. Arrests are expected any moment."

Loan Associations

The Clearfield Republican gives its readers the following good advice in regard to Loan Associations:

"We have knowledge of dozens of people who have invested in these foreign institutions and have yet to learn of a single one who was ahead in the game, while many have either lost their money or had it indefinitely tied up in the hands of a Receiver.

"The Eastern Building and Loan Association of Syracuse, N. Y., at one time had some eighteen boards in this county and did a thriving business. On their face their loans were very equitable—the mortgages simply stipulating for the payment of some seventy-eight promissory notes given for that many monthly payments, when the mortgages were to be satisfied. Now, however, when these notes are paid, the Association says that under the laws of the State of New York these parties, as members of the Association, are liable for a further large amount and that these mortgages can be used to collect it. While the borrower is harassed by a suit to collect that which he did not agree to pay, the investor has fared no better and still waits the fulfillment of those golden promises made so many months ago."

The New Railroad.

For some months past the preliminary work on a new coal road has been quietly proceeding. The details have all been completed and to-day at Harrisburg the papers will be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the consolidation of the different parts of the line, which in the future will be known as the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern Railway. The consolidation will include these lines: The Buffalo & Southwestern, the Mt. Jewett, Clermont & Northern, the Smethport & Olean, and the Mill Creek Valley road. The line will extend from the bituminous coal fields of Jefferson and Elk counties, Pa., to Central New York, and will shorten the trip between these two sections by at least 95 miles. Beginning in Jefferson county the new road will extend through Brockwayville, in Elk county, to Hyde station, connecting with the Buffalo, St. Marys & Southwestern, now a part of the system. The line will then take in the Shawmut mines, also owned by the consolidated company, and proceed via the St. Marys & Clermont to Smethport, and on to the State line in Eldred township, thence to Bolivar, N. Y., to Friendship, to Angelica, with a branch connecting to the W. N. Y. & P. at Belfast. At Angelica the road is to connect with the Central New York & Western. It will extend to Hornellsville, in Steuben county, and thence through Livingstone and Ontario counties, with a connecting branch to the Lehigh Valley road, and terminating near the village of Macedon, N. Y., on the West Shore Railway. The Central New York & Western railroad property forms a part of the new system. The capital stock of the company is $12,000,000, divided into 120,000 shares at $100 each. The officers are: President, John Byrne, New York; vice president, Henry Marquand, New York; second vice president and general counsel, Frank Sullivan Smith, Angelica, N. Y.; treasurer, Harry M. Gough, New York, secretary, Lewis F. Wilson, New York. The board of directors include beside the officers named the following: E. E. Tait, Bradford; Joel Thompson, St. Marys, Pa.; William F. Capp, St. Marys, Pa.; William W. Clark, Wayland, N. Y.; Lewis C. Hillman, Forest Hill, N. Y., and Frederick H. Ridgway, New York.

Some time ago when the combination of roads was an assured fact and the details only to be arranged, the new company placed an order for 500 new cars, some of which have already been turned out.

Mr. A. G. McComb, the well known railroad man of this city, has been an important factor in working out the details and perfecting the new system.—Tuesday's Bradford Era.

L. A. W. Meet, Boston.

For the annual meet of the League of American Wheelmen at Boston, August 14 to 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line to Boston at rate of single fare for round trip. Tickets will be sold on August 12 to 14, good to return August 14 to 23 when properly executed before agent of initial line from Boston. Upon depositing ticket with city ticket agent of initial line from Boston, not later than August 19, and the payment of 50 cents, tickets may be extended to leave Boston not later than August 31.

Bicycles carried free when not accompanied by other baggage. Special arrangements for clubs traveling as a body.

Niagara Falls Sunday Excursion August 6

The W. N. Y. & P. R'y will run a popular low rate excursion to Niagara Falls Sunday, August 6. Special train will leave Smethport at 5:50 a. m. Fare for the round trip $2.25. Seven hours at the Falls. Returning, special train will leave Niagara Falls 7:30; Buffalo 8.15 p. m. Tickets also good for return passage on all regular trains Monday, August 7. This will be the last Sunday excursion to the Falls this summer. Take it in.

Contractors Plant.

23,000 feet Guy & Hoisting Wire Rope; sizes 1½, ⅝, ¾; lengths of these wires will run from 150 feet up to 300 feet; in good condition, been used very little. 1,000 Army Tents, good as new. Edward J. Kane, 220 Front St., N. Y. City.

PERSONAL MENTION.

[illegible] Kelly visited Rochester to-day.

Landlord W. V. Provin visited Bradford last Friday.

Theo. Camp returned to-day from a visit to Newcastle.

Craig Rose of Binghamton is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Verna Hafner visited friends in Machias this week.

W. T. Seger transacted business at Emporium yesterday.

Miss Mary Bell of Bradford is the guest of the Misses Forrest.

Ralph Gleason returned from Cleveland last Tuesday night.

Attorney E. L. Ryan of Kane was in town on business to-day.

F. L. Holmes visited St. Marys on a business mission Tuesday.

Misses Elida and Lucy Wright visited Renovo friends this week.

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Shero of Lancaster are guests of friends in town.

Jas. Campbell and Mr. Blair of Hazelhurst were in town yesterday.

J. W. Campbell and C. B. Gillis of Kane were in town on business Tuesday.

F. M. Windsor and nephew, Alf. Aldrey, drove over from Burtville on Sunday.

Misses Lucy Mitchell and Edna Town visited Kane friends on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs Fred Smith of Buffalo are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Voorhees.

Mesdames McGuier and Purtle took in Pawnee Bill's show at Bradford Monday.

Mrs. Henry Hamlin returned from an extended visit at Geneva the first of the week.

Peter Conley was an interested spectator at the wild west show at Olean on Saturday.

S. G. Bush and H. H. Beebe wheeled to Olean Saturday and took in the wild west show.

E. E. Looker of Kane was a most welcome caller at the MINER office while in town yesterday.

L. Bayer, the enterprising merchant of Clermont, was a brief but welcome caller at this office Friday.

Homer K. Lane of Ulysses, one of Potter county's most prominent citizens was in town on business Monday.

Rev. Dr. Walker was called to Buffalo on Monday to attend the funeral of a former parishioner of that city.

Mrs. C. E. Barrett went to DuBois yesterday morning where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Harry Schlabig.

Mrs. R. E. Bellows of Port Allegany was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Gallup of Green street, last Sunday.

Mrs. S. C. Townsend and daughter, Miss Edna, of Lancaster, Ohio, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Miss Harriet Irwin of Whitesville and Miss Maud Kay of Colegrove were pleasant callers at this office while in town Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCoy visited Lime Lake last Tuesday. The doctor attended the session of the Cattaraugus Medical Society while there.

The following distinguished gentlemen from Port Allegany were visitors in town on Tuesday: L. S. King, S. C. Johnson, S. W. Smith and C. C. Ward.

Rev. Father P. W. O'Brien departed this week for Sharon, Pa., where he will be stationed for some time to come. Mr. O'Brien has been here but a short time, but he has endeared himself to the hearts of the people as very few can. The MINER joins with a host of friends in wishing him continued health and prosperity.

Prof. Coles for August.

Our predictions for the month of July were fulfilled to such an astonishing degree as to satisfy the most fastidious, and to convince them that our theory is based upon something more substantial than "guess work." The "High Flood" and the "Low Ebb" vital forces will be about equally divided this month and there will be some awful battles between the magnetic and electrical forces, both in the old world and in America. The moon will be in square aspect with Jupiter, with Jupiter and the moon in the terms of Venus. This shows a very deceiving month ahead for us. The people as a rule will be generous to excess and careless of expenses, buying much which is unnecessary. The cereal market will be unsteady and jerky, going down when it looks strong and advancing when it looks weak. The judgment of the common people will have a very poor show. From the 10th to the 20th will be the best time for business changes. Children born this month will be fond of speculation, but will have no ability to accumulate wealth by saving.

VALUABLE INFORMATION.

Those who want to get rid of thistles, thorns, locusts, daisies, plantain leaf, briars, etc., and those who want to know when to plant and when to reap; when to transplant flowers and berry bushes, trees and all such, will receive full instructions for ten cents. Do not let any surgical operation be performed upon yourself or upon any of your friends during the "Low Ebb" days of this month, as the planets are in the right position to cause blood poison; watch out for the fury of wild beasts; and note the frequency of their wild attacks upon mankind. Note the increase of smallpox victims, inflammatory fever cases, measles, sore eyes, epidemics, pleurisies, convulsions and liver complaints. A little peppermint essence rubbed upon the forehead will cure the headache and dizziness that will become epidemic this month especially with those ruled by Leo,—heavy built with large eyes and light hair. An epidemic of skin diseases will run rampant.

THE STORMS AND SIGNS.

Our prediction that the Southern States would get more than their share of storms last month was fully verified. We have reasons to believe that more danger awaits them this month; and that a great cyclone or tidal wave may sweep the Atlantic coast. The electric and magnetic currents will be so excited as to cause many new storm combinations and unprecedented heat—heat that will cause the oxygen to expand to such an unusual degree that it will barely support life in weak-lunged human and animal beings. Keep your eye on the dark storm clouds, and watch the seemingly seething, boiling clouds and the red afterglow that will follow them. The eastern States must watch out for great electrical disturbances this month, which will result in great disaster. We do not want to alarm the people; but we do want to warn them that it is high time to give more attention and thought to the study of "what the planets are saying."

WORDS OF WARNING.

Great armies of worms, very much the same as army worms, will overrun some sections of the county and do much damage this fall. Be careful of your diet for we have reasons to believe that stomach troubles will cause many deaths. This will be the hardest month on the health of infants that has been in many a year. Three meteors will fall to earth this month, and strange lights will be seen in the heavens, caused by an unusual amount of magneticity. Watch out for great disturbances in the east. Our great rejoicing over the return of Dewey may be turned into mourning.

The race war in the south will break out with renewed hatred. Great religious excitement will drive many to frenzy; and crimes of the most diabolical nature will astound us all. Let the western States watch out for destructive storms and floods.

Watch out for an epidemic of evil doings that will run riot throughout America and the old country.

Watch out for earthquake shocks.

PROF. C. COLES,
Editor Storms and Signs.

Kingston, Pa., July 19, 1899.

A Grand Excursion to Chautauqua Lake and Celoron.

The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry. Co. announce another low rate excursion to above points on Sunday, August 13th. A special train will leave Mt. Jewett at 9:10 a. m. These extremely low rate excursions to famous Chautauqua Lake and the beautiful resorts along its shores are a delight to those who are fortunate enough to go. The grand steamer trip the entire circuit of the lake, which is included in the rates named, and the attractive features at wonderful Celoron no one should miss. The fare for the round trip is only $1.50. Returning, train will leave steamboat dock at 6:10 p. m. and Jamestown station at 6:30 p. m. (Eastern time).

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your liver, stomach and kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at L. K. Hogarth & Co.'s drug store, only 50 cents per bottle.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CLERMONT.

Eighteen tickets were sold from the W. N. Y. & P. station here, account the Portage Falls excursion Sunday. There were 22 tickets sold at Colegrove, 14 at Crosby, 87 at Smethport and 8 at Farmers Valley. This was the banner excursion day of the season, so far. A very beautiful day and everybody reports a splendid time.

Rumor says that work will begin on the extension of the B., St. M. & S. W. from Clermont to Smethport via Hazelhurst soon. It is also rumored that this company will be known as the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R'y in the future. All of their new equipments bear that name.

Business is picking up fast on the J. R. R. and B., St. M. & S. W. which makes a scramble for coal and lumber cars. A. V. Harvey directs the movement of cars for the three lines centering here and acquits himself in a very creditable manner.

The Clermont Silver Cornet band have reorganized and secured Hayes Heath of Eldred for instructor, under the management of A. Heiman, so we expect soon to be in line on the "music by the band" question.

The famous kissing bug has put in an appearance in Clermont but was caught in the act before any serious results followed. Look out, old bug, if you get stung it will surely kill you.

Geo. Wandrum has so far recovered from an attack of rheumatism as to be able to resume his duties inspecting cars.

Section Foreman Williams has increased his force and is busy putting the B., St. M. & S. W. in first-class shape.

T. P. Howe, one of the W. N. Y. & P. train dispatchers, Buffalo, registered at the New Bayer House Friday.

Conductor Gillispie in charge and Engineer Kane at the throttle always insures speed and safety.

Miss Bowen of Hazelhurst is giving piano instructions to a number of students here.

Mrs. Jas. McClure goes to Emporium to-day on a visit and business.

Thos. Hayden of Punxsutawney is visiting friends here this week.

H. A. Boyd made a flying business trip to St. Marys Monday.

Miss Katie Aumann returned to St. Marys Friday.

Mrs. J. Fiddler drove to Hazelhurst Thursday.

J. L. Smith had business at Larabee Monday.

FARMERS VALLEY.

While working in the woods in Moody Hollow, Ernest Taylor had the misfortune to break his left leg below the knee. He was brought home and Drs. McCoy and Clark were called. It was found he had sustained a compound fracture, and one bone was badly splintered. At this writing he is feeling quite comfortable. His many friends have shown their sympathy in calling and offering their aid. May he soon be well again is the wish of all.

The ice cream sale of last Saturday evening netted about $20, which is to help on the salary of Rev. W. A. Bennett. The sale will continue every Saturday evening until further notice.

Word was received here on Saturday of the death of Philip Frisbee, a former resident of this place. He was buried at Springville, N. Y.

Mrs. Mosier and daughters and P. J. Vickery and wife were the Valley's quota to the Portage excursion on Sunday last.

Miss Rose Stedman has been visiting her cousins in the Valley the past week. She returned to Bradford Sunday.

A number of our young people went to Coryville last Sunday to attend baptismal services.

Will Moore, who has been working in the oil field was called home to attend his brother Ernest.

T. C. Walmsley of Georgia was calling on J. C. Scull Tuesday.

COLEVILLE.

Henry Morse and W. C. Rhodes have the lumber on the ground for their well No. 1 on the Morse farm.

A large number of the boys attended Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show at Bradford Monday evening.

Miss Pearl Digel of Smethport is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Digel.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wilson of Simpson Sundayed at George Culbertson's.

W. J. Dibble and Miss Lulu McCord drove to Bradford on Saturday.

Smith & Beal of Bradford transacted business in town Saturday.

Miss Blanche Hartnett is entertaining her cousin of Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hausman spent Sunday with relatives at Alton.

W. C. Rhodes transacted business in Eldred Saturday.

E. J. Hoover spent Sunday with friends at Simpson.

LARABEE.

Mrs. E. E. Carpenter, accompanied by her daughter, Ruth, and son, Benjamin, visited in Turtle Point the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dunsmore of Reynoldsville, Pa., were very pleasant callers among friends in town on Saturday last.

Mr. L. Cushing of Clermont, a former resident of our pleasant little town, spent several days here last week.

Mrs. Oscar Carpenter and son, Zenas, visited relatives at West Eldred on Tuesday.

The excursion to Portage Falls Sunday was quite well patronized by our people.

Mrs. Chas. Ganung was called to Allegany Sunday by the illness of her niece.

Miss Cora Windsor of Granero is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ada Taylor.

Rules For Telephone Users.

A "Hello girl", in one of the large exchanges suggests the following rules for telephone subscribers.

If you have a telephone in your office or store, call up "Central" and then go wait on a customer.

Take your time in answering your bell or what is better, do not answer it at all, but in about half an hour ring up and ask who called you, and get mad if "Central" has forgotten who it was. She has nothing else to do but remember.

Hang the receiver big end up, as in this way it gets full of dust.

Bang on the transmitter with a lead pencil as though you intended to knock it through the wall. This invariably makes it talk better.

When through talking, drop the receiver or throw it down. This allows the batteries to run out and breaks the strands in the receiver cord.

Open the generator box with a knife or an ax and take a look at things. If the interior does not look right pull out a few wires and leave the door open, this improves the service wonderfully.

Throw metal inkstands, etc., on top of telephone which will short circuit your instrument and then go to sleep, no one can call you up.

Never ring off when through talking as that would notify "Central" you had finished. Let her guess at it. Never speak kindly to the operator, she is more used to being called names.

Paste this on your telephone for future reference.

Mid-Summer Excursion-Rochester and Ontario Beach.

The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry. will run a low rate excursion to Rochester and Ontario Beach, Sunday, August 6th. Special train will leave Mt. Jewett at 7 p. m., arriving at Rochester and the beach at noon. Returning, train will leave the beach at 6 p. m. and Rochester at 6:15 p. m. Tickets will also be good returning from Rochester on regular trains Monday, August 7th. Great improvements have been made at the beach the past season and the attractions are far superior to those of former years. In consideration of the low rates named, the opportunity here offered to visit both Rochester and the beach should be taken advantage of. Fare round trip only $1.50.

Hamilton Clark, of Chauncey, Ga., says he suffered with itching piles 20 years before trying DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, two boxes of which completely cured him. Beware of worthless and dangerous counterfeits. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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A YARN WITHOUT A MORAL.

By MORGAN ROBERTSON.

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It was in the early days of lake traffic, when vessels were small, discipline lax, and when each forecastle might contain one or more part owners. Dunkirk Sam, Bill Tubbs and Starboard Jack, composing the crew of the little schooner Alma, held no such dual relations with their captain. They drew wages, not profits. But, as their captain was old Long Tom Tucker of their own town, whom they loved and "cussed" and advised and obeyed as they pleased, their treatment of him was in no way calculated to impress strangers with any other belief than that they owned the whole vessel—and Captain Tom too.

At Kingston, after discharging cargo, they had put on their shore clothes and selfishly gone to the theater, leaving Captain Tom to keep ship or cook aboard with himself or the cook as he liked. The mate, newly shipped, lived in Kingston, and early in the evening had fled to the bosom of his family. The captain sulked for awhile under the slight put upon him by his "boys," went ashore alone, met his agent, then hunted up his mate and sent him aboard, for the agent had secured him a load from Port Hope to Oswego. Then he hied himself to the one theater of the town, bought a ticket, went in and vainly coaxed the three renegades to heed the call of duty. Useless endeavor! They were kind to him—asked him to sit with them, but would not budge until the performance ended. Captain Tom coaxed, ordered, fumed and finally swore; then was collared by a scandalized fat policeman and cast forth into outer darkness, followed by the heartless threat of the three to tell his wife and the minister when they got home, for Captain Tucker was a sturdy pillar of the church.

Filled to the brim with "aggravation," he returned to the wharf where his vessel lay and helped the mate loose the canvas, vowing to pay off the three "sogers" at the first American port. The three left the theater at 11 o'clock and leisurely made their way to the vessel. Had they seen a restaurant they would have satisfied their slight hunger before putting themselves under Captain Tom's domination—not that they anticipated increased peril from the weakness attending empty stomachs, but they knew that the cook, as indifferent to nautical etiquette as themselves, had turned in for the night; hence, there would be no night lunch prepared—and it was a long time until breakfast.

Discussing the matter made them hungrier. Starboard Jack suggested the advisability of turning back and hunting for an eating house. "Na," he said, "the skipper won't turn the cook out for us tonight, but he'll get his own nibble from the galley." They agreed to this, and Captain Tom's prospective selfishness condoned their own criminous behavior, giving the balance of injury to them. They became outrageously hungry and halted when a rooster, aroused by their voices, arose to full stature, cluttered at them and settled down again. Fatal mistake.

Starboard Jack testified later that visions of a chicken potpie partaken of at home entered his brain, and the savory odor seemed to be in his nostrils. Bill Tubbs admits that his wayward thoughts serenely reviewed and then regretted early dissipation in which he had disgracefully attended a cockfight. Dunkirk Sam never committed himself, but it is on record that Dunkirk Sam was the first to sneak.

"Mighty fine rooster, Shanghai, too," he said.

"Nice and fat," remarked Bill Tubbs, turning square the other way, thus putting temptation behind him.

Why discuss the devious course of criminal thoughts through the [illegible] and fears of noncriminal [illegible]. Ten tarry digits closed around the neck of the drowsy bird, stifling the indignant outcry; five were later removed to the struggling claws, threatening to ruin Starboard Jack's new "go-ashore" coat, and three guilty marauders fled through the darkness.

It was blind, illogical crime for crime's sake alone. Their hunger may have suggested the abduction; the abduction could in no way satisfy their hunger. But this did not occur to them. Guilty fear possessed their souls, excluding other thoughts, even of their empty stomachs.

With the rooster snugly imprisoned under Starboard Jack's arm, they tumbled over the Alma's rail and down the forecastle stairs, unheeding the tirade of reproach launched at them by Captain Tom. Here a hurried council resulted in the raising of the trap leading and the unceremonious banishing of the nearly choked fowl into the inky darkness of the fore peak. One protesting squeak arose from the depths. Then they changed their clothes, went up and made sail, meekly taking the scolding they had earned, but Captain Tom's wrath finally gave way to astonishment at their submissiveness, and he desisted, for they had given him not one word of "back talk." How could they?

Captain Tom Tucker was a Lake Erie navigator and had brought his little schooner down to glean some of the lucrative barley trade of the lower lake. Knowing nothing of Lake Ontario, he had secured a mate who did, and this was enough for summer sailing of him. He had no use for charts, would not have one aboard, or any other salt water methods. He believed in carrying courses and distances in his head, where he could get at them when needed.

An hour after the mate had given the course up the north shore and turned in, the fog shut down, moist and thick, blotting out the patch of blacker darkness that loomed up as land to the northward and making the voice of Dunkirk Sam, heaving the lead at the request of the anxious captain, sound hoarse and resonant as he called out, "No bottom."

Captain Tucker wished, not for a chart, but that he knew that shore better and, not caring to call the mate, took his stand at the weather bow, tooting the fog horn and straining sight and hearing into the wet blanket ahead. The wind was off the land at an angle which just allowed Bill Tubbs at the wheel to lay his course.

In his bunk in the forecastle was Starboard Jack, making the best he could of his watch below, and beneath him, be it remembered, was the confiscated rooster. Either his conscience or his empty stomach or the fog horn above kept Starboard Jack awake, and he rolled out to enjoy the usual sailor's relief from insomnia—he lighted his pipe.

It was not daylight nor time for it, and the occupant of the fore peak had no legitimate right or reason to think so, but, he was, no doubt, rather upset by the night's adventure and his powers of discernment unequal to the task of distinguishing between daylight and the flicker of a lighted match showing through the chinks in the forecastle floor. Or it may be that he understood and merely expressed approval of the light shed on his darkness. He gave vent to a hearty, long drawn crow, which, reaching the ears of Captain Tom on the weather bow, muffled and indistinct, seemed to him to come from the lee side, where there should be nothing but open water.

"Great snakes, where are we?" he shouted. "Hear that, Dunkirk? Did you hear it? Light up the jib sheets. Hard-a-lee. There's land over there."

Around went the little vessel. Starboard Jack heard with dismay the sounds beneath and above and started up to forestall any further mischief by honest confession, but the sight of Dunkirk Sam's round face, shaking with silent, unholy glee as he peered down the hatch during the transit from jib sheet to jib sheet, sent him back. Dunkirk Sam returned to the lead, while Captain Tom tooted the horn from the weather bow, now, of course, the other side. When a lonely rooster begins to crow, it is hard to guess when he will stop. The schooner had been skimming along straight for the shore for five minutes, and Dunkirk Sam had just called out, "Mark 20, hard bottom," when Captain Tom distinctly heard another rooster—not the first; they were leaving that astern. This one was on the lee bow, as before, but in another direction.

"Oh, my good Lord," he groaned, "where in Sam Hill are we—barnyards all round—we're goin up some river. Hard up, Bill," he yelled. "Hard up. Slack off the mainsheet an get her 'fore the wind."

He ran aft to look at the compass and call the mate if necessary, waving his long arms and shouting. Dunkirk Sam yanked the lead inboard and sped to the forecastle hatch.

"Starboard!" he called in a hoarse whisper, "you awake?"

"What?"

"Wring his neck; the old man's goin daft. He near beached her."

Dunkirk Sam's sense of humor had left him when his lead reached bottom.

Captain Tom recoiled his vessel due southeast and had partially recovered his wits when from straight ahead he heard another rooster. The misguided fowl in the fore peak had proclaimed his third defiance just as Starboard Jack raised the trapdoor to descend upon him. Loud and clear came the clarion note to the ears of the perplexed skipper, to whom it seemed not three lengths ahead.

"Hard down," he snarled to the grinning Bill, "hard down, man; down with that wheel. We're goin ashore; what you laughin at? Down with it!" He seized the spokes and ground the wheel over.

"Chicken thieves, scoundrels, ingrates!"

"Bring her up and shake her!" he shouted back as he raced forward with great leaps. "Get that anchor over, Dunkirk; call Starboard."

Starboard Jack was forced to come up, and the rooster enjoyed a reprieve. Hurriedly, under the supervision of the frantic skipper, they pried the big anchor off the bow, lowered and let it go as the schooner shot up into the wind, shaking her sails. Bill Tubbs now lay himself on the deck near the wheel and rolled in convulsive laughter, but the two worthies forward ruefully watched the skipper insanely pay out chain until, with 80 fathoms out, the anchor caught. They anticipated the heaving in.

Ordering the foresail and jibs lowered in a tone which admitted of no protest, he stalked around the deck. The rooster, possibly frightened by the deafening din of the chain going out, remained silent, and the guilty ones hoped for a chance to silence his voice forever, as Captain Tom was in no humor to take a joke. But Captain Tom staid forward, blowing the horn at intervals and looking anxious.

Daylight came and with it a change of wind which scattered the dense fog into curious, detached masses of smoky shapes, showing the north shore fully two miles away and not a farm, barnyard or rooster within range of the stranded captain's vision. His face was a study.

With open mouth, puckered forehead and bulging eyes, his gaze wandered from the shore to the water each side, to his innocent looking crew, to his own long figure, which he scanned from his feet up as though doubting his own existence, and back to the shore.

The mate and the cook were called, and all hands manned the windlass, the captain heading slack and earnestly explaining to the mate the ghostly interference of the night. "What you grinnin at, you three?" he suddenly demanded.

As he spoke, the rooster, encouraged by the faint diffusion of the morning light in his prison, crowed again. It was a stifling, enthusiastic crow, long and weird. In it he expressed disapprobation of the kindly light, his disgust at his treatment and defiance to his enemies, his hunger, his thirst, his memory of the happy barnyard home and his desire to get back. It was his dying salute to liberty and happiness, but it was his deathknell.

It was followed by an uproarious burst of laughter, and Captain Tom, with a reproachful glance at his men, descended and wrung his neck. Then he reappeared, and with legs apart and arms waving, declaimed. Nothing would excuse an exact repetition of his language. Chicken thieves, scoundrels, ingrates, miserable, low down "white-livered good-for-nothin'" were some of the names he called them, well sprinkled with shocking, piratical profanity. "Might ha' known somethin was up," he concluded. "You're such so all fired civil." After breakfast, while steering, Dunkirk Sam ventured to expostulate. "We lifted him, cappen, 'cause we don't get much fresh meat in your vessel. Now, I'll tell you what we'll do: If you'll let the cook fix him up for a potpie, dinner, and you'll promise, yourself, not to pay us off, as you said, why, we'll all promise, every one of us, not to tell the other cappens 'bout it, and we won't tell the minister 'bout the way you cussed, neither." Without answering, Captain Tom shamefacedly went below. Ten minutes later the cook asked Bill for the rooster. This story has no moral. Not that in the eternal fitness of things this should be. It ought to go on record that the potpie choked them, but nothing of the kind happened. There is not a point on which a moral can hang.

Captain Tom sleeped, as was his habit, while the rest mustered around the cabin table. The cook divided the potpie into six sections and ate his share in the galley. The mate finished his dinner and went up to relieve the skipper, who, not having quite forgiven his "boys," waited until they had finished before going down—an unwise delay.

Three pairs of eyes lifted from three well emptied plates and gazed longingly at the remaining share of potpie. Glances and grins were exchanged, three fierce spoons reached toward the platter, and the captain's dinner was removed. It was shameful.

A large class of Mexicans, commonly called peons, wear a kind of sandal. These are called "guarachas," and consist of a single sole of leather held to the feet with strings which pass between the toes and are tied about the ankle.

A truly good and great man is one who can handle a hot lamp chimney and repeat the decalogue at the same time.—Kansas City Star.

Believe very little what others say, and watch yourself closely.—Atchison Globe.

The best evidence of merit is the cordial recognition of it whenever and wherever it may be found.—Bovee.

KELLAR'S GREAT MEMORY.

It Aided the Magician In His Second Sight Tricks.

"The second sight trick as performed on the stage calls for a marvelous memory," said a former theatrical manager. "Some years ago I attended one of Henry Kellar's entertainments with Mrs. Scott Siddons. His lady assistant sat blindfolded on the stage and described different articles which he picked up at random through the audience. When he came near, I simply pointed to a curious little green charm which Mrs. Siddons had loaned to me and I was then wearing on my watch chain.

"'It was a green intaglio,' said the assistant in reply to Kellar's questions; 'a very peculiar little medallion, which was presented to Mrs. Scott Siddons by the sailors of a vessel bound for San Francisco from Australia.'

"We were so astonished that we almost fell out of our seats. After the show we went behind the scenes with Nellie McHenry and some other theatrical folk who happened to be present, and Mrs. Siddons proceeded to corner the magician, who was an old friend. 'Now, Harry,' she said, 'I want you to tell me honestly how you knew about that locket.'

"Kellar laughed. 'You recollect I came over from Australia on the same ship,' he replied, 'and I would certainly know that stone if I saw it in China.'

"He would say no more, and I presume, of course, that he conveyed his information to the stage through his system of cues. But the marvelous part about it was his prompt recognition of the charm on my watch chain. The presentation on shipboard had taken place all of seven or eight years before."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

LIKE THE PROVERBIAL CAT.

How the Professor's Desk Came Back at His Own Expense.

The young lawyer has good taste in antiques and has done much browsing about in search of them. He knows the places in Worcester and the neighboring towns where those who like old furniture and have the money to pay for it may find what will delight their souls. So it was no more than natural when the professor sold his desk, which was of ancient design, but of doubtful age, and began looking for something better, that he should consult the young lawyer. The man of law was delightfully sympathetic. "I saw just what you want the other day," he said, "but I'm afraid it's gone now. I'll keep my eye out for the next few days."

"Well, if you see anything really good," said the professor, "buy it and hold it for me. It is not safe to let a bargain go too long. Only let me know as soon as you can, so that I won't be buying one too. It would be a great favor."

"Not at all," said the lawyer. "It's a pleasure to buy a good thing, even if you are not to keep it yourself."

In a day or two the professor received a joyful note. The young lawyer's mother had found just what the professor wanted—a beauty, one of those rare old bits that they cannot counterfeit, and such a bargain, only $10. The professor was charmed. He immediately sent his check to the young lawyer with an enthusiastic note of thanks and a request to send up the desk. He was in the hall when it arrived. He tore off the sacking and inspected his prize. It was his old desk that he had sold a few days before for $8.50.—Worcester Gazette.

Naturalness of Children.

In the public restaurant, where at one or two hours of the day come families to dine, entered paterfamilias, mater and juveniles horribilus, and sat at meat. The young person was arrayed like one of the children devoted to slaughter in the Tower by cruel Richard III, of England. His long blond hair hung down upon his spotless broad collar, his white throat stood out from its graceful scarf like ivory, and his dress showed where the loving hand of a mother had laid each fold in careful place. He was, in short, the boy to make a father proud. He was healthy, vital, active and devilish. Into this same restaurant and at this time came also a family whose appanage included a little girl—hooded, demure, garbed with niceness and lovely.

"Hurrah, mother," yelled the boy; "here is a little girl!"

"Hush," said the mother; "take your dinner."

"No, mother, it is a little girl," and with a frankness that defied conventionality the youngster, whose age is not 5, stepped over to lady child and put out his hand. "Where do you live?" he said. "My name is Chum Someone; what is yours?"

"Lizzie," said the female baby, and put her hand in his, and they walked down the room together, passing the lobster, broiled and otherwise, but in that curious atmosphere giving old methods, the sweetness and innocence that only children live in.—Philadelphia Times.

Birthday Feasts in Samoa.

A friend of mine described a birthday feast at "Vailima," at which she assisted. Europeans and Americans from Apia and the plantations had been asked, with officers from the warships and natives of high rank. The latter came on horseback, men and women riding astride, in the Polynesian fashion.

The repast was spread upon the floor, which had been covered with a mat of ferns and leaves; young pigs roasted whole in the ground, with fish and fowl and breadfruit, comprised the substantials, while there were fruits of many varieties, cakes which the Samoan loves, and drinks of many kinds and of varied potency. Two young natives took up their post in the center of the table and carved the pigs with skill and dispatch, distributing the juicy morsels to the guests, who were seated, right and left, upon the floor, and were expected to partake of what was set before them, native fashion—with their fingers.

When the feast was over every fragment was gathered up by the servants of the Samoan guests and carried home, as is permitted by the rules of native etiquette.—Leslie's Weekly.

Deceitful.

"Men are queer animals," said the pessimist. "They are all more or less deceitful."

"Oh, I don't believe that!" replied the optimist. "I think there are plenty of people who strive to be honest. I know I do, and I don't give myself credit for being any better than the majority of men."

"Then why do you ask me how my health is every time we meet and stand around and look bored if I tell you?"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Things He Doesn't Know.

Farmer Medders—What's yer son Hiram goin ter do when he gits through college?

Farmer Corntossel—He's goin ter stay right here on the farm till he sorter begins ter realize that they's one or two things he don't know.—San Francisco Examiner.

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FARM AND GARDEN

A POTATO REPORT.

Yields of Noteworthy Varieties, Including New Introductions.

For the past three years the New Hampshire station has been pursuing work in the interest of potato growers, and it now issues a report covering the results of experiments with 104 varieties, including the new introductions. The claim that the Sir Walter Raleigh closely resembles Rural New Yorker, of which it is a seedling, but is more uniform and yields practically no small tubers, also that it is of better quality and a few days later, was borne out by its behavior at the station during two seasons.

RED AMERICAN WONDER.

Red American Wonder (numbered 99), also called American Wonder, a commonly grown and very popular potato in the northern part of the state, is pronounced a fine variety. This was one of the heaviest yielders of 1898. It is a main crop variety of good size and fine appearance; vines dark green, very regular and erect, making a very uniform row, almost square top throughout, strong and vigorous. The crop was practically all salable. Yield, 369 bushels per acre.

White Beauty (101) is described as a medium late variety of introduction. It belongs to the Burbank and White Star class. The vines were very strong and heavy, dark green, standing 2½ feet high and 3 feet broad. The yield was at the rate of 397 bushels per acre and only about 6 per cent were small.

Fillbasket, a whiteskinned main crop variety, oblong, somewhat flattened and usually smooth, proved a heavy yielder at the station, producing at the rate of 348 bushels per acre, a very small per cent of which were small. The vines were strong, erect and vigorous.

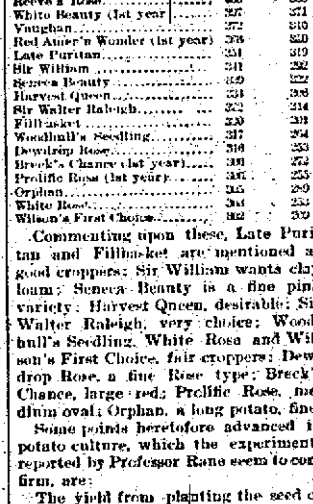
Seventeen varieties giving the largest average yield in order of productiveness were:

	Yield per acre	Bushels salable
Reeve's Rose	401	355½
White Beauty (1st year)	397	371
Vaughan	372	310
Red Amer'n Wonder (1st year)	369	320
Late Puritan	351	319
Sir William	341	292
Seneca Beauty	339	322
Harvest Queen	331	308
Sir Walter Raleigh	322	314
Fillbasket	320	311
Woodhull's Seedling	317	264
Dewdrop Rose	316	253
Breck's Chance (1st year)	310	272
Prolific Rose (1st year)	307	255
Orphan	305	289
White Rose	304	253
Wilson's First Choice	302	279

Commenting upon these, Late Puritan and Fillbasket are mentioned as good croppers; Sir William wants clay loam; Seneca Beauty is a fine pink variety; Harvest Queen, desirable; Sir Walter Raleigh, very choice; Woodhull's Seedling, White Rose and Wilson's First Choice, fair croppers; Dewdrop Rose, a fine Rose type; Breck's Chance, large red; Prolific Rose, medium oval; Orphan, a long potato, fine.

Some points heretofore advanced in potato culture, which the experiments reported by Professor Rane seem to confirm, are:

The yield from planting the seed or bud end is generally greater than from the stem or butt end of the tuber. The eyes on the seed end are the first to germinate, and hence are especially important when an early crop is desired.



WHITE BEAUTY.

Exposing unsprouted tubers in a warm place before planting hastens growth, but if continued until sprouts form (which are rubbed off), the yield may be considerably reduced.

It is better to place in a hill one large piece than several very small ones of the same aggregate weight.

The net yield of salable potatoes increases with every increase in the size of seed piece from one eye to the half potato. The half potato affords a larger net salable crop than the whole potato on account of the excessive amount of seed required in planting entire tubers.

The next session of the farmers' national congress will meet at Boston Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6. W. D. Hoard of Fort Atkinson, Wis., is president and John M. Stahl, of Chicago secretary. Each agricultural college and experiment station is entitled to a delegate, as is also each national and state agricultural society.

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A connoisseur many years ago, an excellent customer of mine, who thought he knew perfectly how to handle books, came into my office when I had an expensive binding just brought from the bindery ready to be sent home. He, before my eyes, took hold of the volume, and tightly holding the leaves in each hand, instead of allowing them free play, violently opened it in the center and exclaimed, "How beautifully your bindings open!" I almost fainted. He had broken the back of the volume, and it had to be rebound.—"Modern Bookbinding Practically Considered," by William Matthews.

Got the Wrong Woman.

A pastime which obtains among the farm classes of Korea, known as the "packing off of widows," consists of a raid by some disconsolate widower and his friends on some village known to contain a young widow, the forcible abduction of the lady in question and her marriage to the widower. An instance of this kind has recently come to our notice. A widower living in one of the villages of Kangwha with 11 friends went to a hamlet close to the walls of Kangwha city where a widow lived and seized and carried off, after somewhat of a battle, a young lady. It so happened, however, that they had mistaken the house and unfortunately got hold of the wrong lady. Early the next morning an indignant posse came in pursuit, but the men who had committed the dastardly deed succeeded in eluding them. The young lady, however, was rescued, and after the house of the widower and its contents had been completely demolished she was escorted home in triumph by her husband and his friends.—Kobe Chronicle.

Hook Swinging In Bengal.

The people of Gangutia, in Bengal, have a barbarous practice called hook swinging. They deck themselves out with garlands and then assemble together to undergo the most horrible torture. A wire about a quarter of an inch in diameter and seven feet long is pierced through the tongue, and then the wretched being will dance for over half an hour with the wire still hanging through the tongue.

Some of them form themselves into a row and are then sewed together by a wire needle threaded with cord. They are sewed by the arms and look like herrings on a wire when ready for the hook.

It is thought that the victims are drugged considerably beforehand, owing to the sullen, dazed expression they wear throughout, but sometimes one or two faint and are with great difficulty brought round again.

When Home Is Sweet.

Fewer wives would sit lonesomely at home while their husbands roam elsewhere in search of entertainment if more wives realized that home should be something besides a clean place to eat and sleep in. Men "hate" women's tea parties and large show functions, but they like dinner and supper parties. Many families refrain from entertaining because they cannot do so on an expensive scale. It is, however, possible to give small dinners and suppers that are both enjoyable and inexpensive. Ask people who either do or will like each other, and if you wish the women to have a good time have just as many men guests as women guests. If the men are to have a good time, make sure that some of the women are pretty and flattering. Men like to be flattered. Oh, yes, they do.—Gentlewoman.

Best of His Industry.

Mrs. de Cohen—I hear you've got a very industrious husband.

Laundress—Yes, mum; he's always finding something for me to do.—Baltimore Jewish Comment.

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Polly and the Phone.

[illegible] druggist [illegible] has a large green parrot, and the cage is hung near the telephone, with the result that Polly has become quite proficient in "telephone talk" and furnishes much amusement to the customers who have the time to stop and listen.

The other day a stylishly dressed young lady came rustling into the store and asked permission to use the phone. The druggist pointed to the rear of the store, and she started in that direction. The store was rather dark, and when she heard some one apparently talking into the receiver she seated herself on a chair to wait.

"Hello central—hello, hello—yes, give me four-double-eight express. Yes, hello; who is that? Oh, yes; what, yes; hello, I say; no, I didn't get that; is that so? Well, goodby; ring off. Hello, central; hello, hello; give me"—and so on and so on through several repetitions.

Then she rose and advanced with a stately air to the clerk and asked if he thought "that person" intended to use the telephone all day.

"Why, that's only the parrot; he"—

But the front door had slammed before he could finish his sentence.—Chicago News.

Wanted to See That Foot.

On the principle that to some persons even old stories are new this one, of the royal princelings of England, is given in Mr. G. W. E. Russell's recent book, "Collections and Recollections:"

An English gentleman who had a deformed foot was going to visit the queen at Osborne, and before his arrival the queen and Prince Albert debated whether it would be well to warn the Prince of Wales and the princess royal of his physical peculiarity, so as to avoid their making embarrassing remarks, or to leave it to their own good feeling.

The latter course was adopted. Lord —— duly arrived. The foot elicited no remark from the royal children, and the visit passed off with success. Next day the princess royal asked the queen:

"Where is Lord ——?"

"He has gone back to London, dear."

"Oh, what a pity! He had promised to show Bertie and me his foot!"

They had caught him in a quiet spot and made their own terms with the captive.

His Half Way Scheme.

Not long ago a Pittsburg life insurance agent persuaded a Chinaman to take out a policy of $5,000. The latter had no clear idea of the transaction, but understood that on paying the premiums promptly he would be entitled to $5,000 some time. He began bothering the agent for the money after a couple of weeks had passed, and the agent tried to explain to him that he would have to die before he could get it. The Chinaman fell down a cellar way and was badly hurt. His friends tried to attend to him without calling in a doctor. When they did call one in two days later, the doctor was angry. "Why didn't you call me sooner?" he asked. "This man is half dead now."

Next day the injured man's brother was at the insurance office with a claim for $2,500. "You're not entitled to anything on this," said the insurance agent, "until the man is dead."

"Doctor say him half died," answered the brother. "Why he no glet half?"

Brain fag is largely the result of people not wishing to admit that they eat too much.—Detroit Journal.

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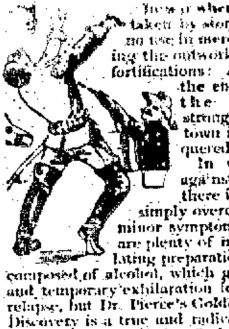

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A. M.	A. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
8.45	7.30	2.05	Ulysses	7.31	2.30	10.40
8.37	7.10	1.59	Crowell	7.41	2.38	10.45
8.22		1.56	Carpenter		2.41	10.47
8.10		1.53	Perkins		2.44	10.50
8.15	7.02	1.50	Newfield Junct'n	7.47	2.46	10.52
		1.45	Newfield	7.51	2.50	10.54
7.55	6.54	1.41	Gold	7.55	2.54	10.55
7.30	6.40	1.27	Raymond	7.06	2.59	10.59
7.15	6.30	1.24	Seven Bridges	8.11	3.11	10.62
7.10	6.24	1.21	Colesburg	8.14	3.14	11.06
7.00	6.20	1.14	Frink's	8.22	3.22	11.10
6.50		1.05	North C'port		3.31	11.20
6.35	6.5	1.00		8.35	3.36	11.30
4.20	7.57	12.51	Coudersport	9.41	3.45	11.40
		12.40	Hammond			
4.05	7.58	12.34	Olmsted	8.06	6.00	1.27
3.50	7.43	12.30	Mina		6.10	1.31
3.45		12.25	Knowlton		6.18	
3.40	7.38	12.20	Roulette	9.02	6.21	1.47
3.30	7.20	12.22	Burtville	9.06	6.30	1.55
3.25		12.15	Lyman		6.35	
3.20			Chemical Works			
3.00	7.18	12.10	Port Allegany	9.21	6.40	2.25
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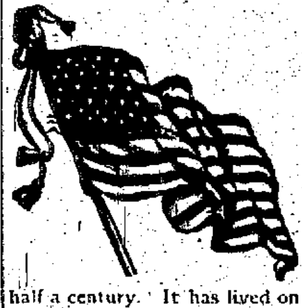

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WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY

In effect April 2, 1899.

Trains leave Smethport for Larabee, [illegible] Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 9:25 a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, [illegible] p. m.
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, [illegible] p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport [illegible] p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south:

*Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday, [illegible] a. m.
Clermont Acc'ton daily ex Sunday [illegible] p. m.
Clermont Acc'ton daily ex Sunday [illegible] p. m.
*Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:

Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Mail, daily ex Sunday connects at [illegible] Emporium for Philadelphia [illegible] p. m.

Get Time Tables giving full information from A. E. Wommer, Ticket Agent.

[illegible] BELL, General Supt.
J. A. FELLOWS, Gen'l Pass'r & Tkt Agt.
General offices Mooney Building, cor. Main and Pearl Sts., Buffalo, N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect May [illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION. EASTWARD.

8:26 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York 7:23 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m. week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays); Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.

10:20 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.

6:15 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 6:55 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:50 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 5:10 a. m. weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:55 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:10 p. m., Baltimore 11:55 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junction 10:20 a. m., with Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport. On Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:40 a. m., Washington 7:55 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 4:10 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia [illegible]

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH.	STATIONS.	SOUTH.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Connections are made with trains [illegible] at Johnsonburg at [illegible] a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at [illegible]; at Ridgway with train 6, leaving [illegible] at [illegible] p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, Gen'l Manager. J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Jan. [illegible], 1899, passenger trains between Bradford, Buffalo, Rochester, [illegible], Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, [illegible] Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett stations, except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.

8.10 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express for Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, [illegible] Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

1.40 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

4.25 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For [illegible] stone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND.

8.05 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

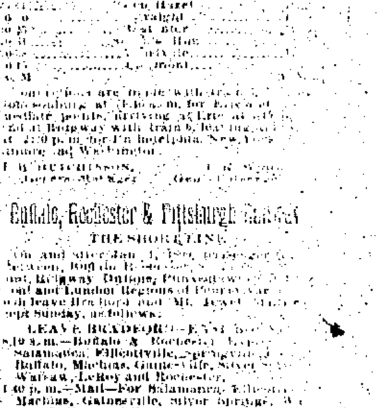
1.32 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Clarion, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. R. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY,
Gen'l Passenger Agent,
Rochester, N. Y.

Popular Scenic Route



Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad and Connections.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROADS.

Condensed time table in effect March 5, 1899.

Read up.				Read down.	
A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
8.56	7.38	12.25	ar Keating S't lv		12.40
8.10	7.09	12.00	Austin	6.40	1.05
	7.01	11.53	Costello	6.47	1.11
	6.50	11.42	Wharton	6.58	1.20
	6.05	10.58	Cross Fork Jct	7.41	2.00
	5.38	10.31	Corbett	8.11	2.30
	5.27	10.21	Germania	8.22	2.47
		10.15 lv	Galeton ar	8.25	
P.M.	A.M.				
7.10	12.55	9.55 ar	Galeton lv	8.38	2.51
6.55	12.42	9.42	Gaines Junc	8.55	3.06
6.39	12.26	9.30	Westfield	9.08	3.17
6.05	11.50	8.25	Knoxville	9.42	3.50
5.55	11.41	8.06	Osceola	9.58	4.00
5.51	11.36	8.00	Elkland	10.03	4.11
5.15	11.05	7.15 lv	Addison ar	10.34	4.43
P.M.	A.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
	5.10	10.00 ar	Galeton lv	6.30	1.35
	4.51	9.41	Walton	6.47	1.54
	4.27	9.17	Newfield Jct.	7.15	1.50
	4.09	8.59	West Bingham	7.30	2.05
	3.58	8.48	Genesee	7.41	2.15
	3.53	8.43	Shongo	7.46	2.24
	3.30	8.20 lv	Wellsville ar	8.00	2.40
	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
	4.40	10.10 ar	Galeton lv	8.30	2.00
	4.19	9.53	Gaines Junc		
	3.59	9.35 lv	Ansonia ar	9.12	3.32
	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
	2.00	7.30 ar	Cross Fork Jct lv	11.00	6.05
	1.00	6.30 lv	Cross Fork ar	12.00	7.00

All trains daily except Sunday.

CONNECTIONS.

At Keating S't with W. N. Y. & P. union station.
At Ansonia with F. B. R'y union station.
At Newfield Jct. with C. & P. A. union station.
At Genesee with N. Y. & P. union station.
At Addison with Erie R. R. union station.
At Wellsville with Erie R. R.

H. C. UNDERHILL, Gen'l Pass. Ag't, Buffalo, N. Y.
C. W. GOODYEAR, Gen'l Manager, Buffalo, N. Y.
W. W. ATWOOD, Superintendent, Addison, N. Y.
W. C. PARK, Superintendent, Galeton, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 5 o'clock a. m., Monday, August 9, 1897.

South		Stations	North
2.20		Clermont	1.45
2.24		Chatham	1.40
2.30		Wildwood	1.34
3.01		North Fork	[illegible]
3.11		Kay Fork	[illegible]
3.14		Gray Gables	[illegible]
3.30 Ar	7.40 Lv	St. Marys Lv Ar	[illegible]
3.35	7.45	Kane	[illegible]
3.42	7.51	Detsch	[illegible]
3.48	7.58	Groll	[illegible]
3.56	8.06	Gillen	[illegible]
4.00	8.10	Paine	[illegible]
4.06	8.15	Centreville	[illegible]
4.14	8.20	Dague Crossing	[illegible]
4.21	8.28	Shelvey Summit	[illegible]
4.30	8.36	Cuneo	[illegible]
4.35	8.40	Thompson	[illegible]
4.37	8.43	Curry	[illegible]
4.44	8.49	Brandy Camp	[illegible]
4.46	8.51	Elbon	[illegible]
4.50	8.55	Hyde	[illegible]
5.10	9.30	Shawmut	[illegible]
p.m.	a.m.		a.m.

NEW WAGON

and

PAINT SHOP.

I have started a Wagon and Carriage Shop in E. Sartwell's building on State street, and am prepared to do all kinds of wagon and carriage painting and repairing. Will also furnish the finest of new work. I am well-known to the people of Smethport and they can be assured in entrusting me with their work. I have had years experience and invite comparison.

John Servatius, - Smethport, Pa.